

THE

ADVENTURES

OF

PEREGRINE PICKLE.

VOLUME THE SECOND.

CHAP. I.

HE EMBARKS FOR FRANCE; IS
OVERTAKEN BY A STORM; IS
SURPRIZED WITH THE APPEARANCE OF PIPES; LANDS AT CALAIS, AND HAS AN AFFAIR WITH
THE OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMHOUSE.

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CARCE had the vessel proceeded two leagues on the passage, when the wind shifting, blew directly in their teeth; so that they were obliged to haul upon

a wind, and alter their course. The sea running pretty high at the same time, our hero, who was below in his cabbin, began to be squeamish, and in consequence of the skipper's advice, went upon deck for the comfort of his stomach; while the governor, experienced in these disasters, slipped into bed, where he lay at his ease, amusing himself with a treatise on the Cycloid, with algrebraical demonstrations, which never failed to engage his imagination in the most agreeable manner.

In the mean time the wind increased to a very hard gale, the vessel pitched with great violence, the sea washed over the decks, the master was alarmed, the crew were confounded, the passengers were overwhelmed with sickness and fear, and universal distraction ensued. In the midst of this uproar, Peregrine

holding fast by the taffrill, and looking ruefully a-head, the countenance of Pipes presented itself to his astonished view, rifing as it were from the hold of the ship. At first he imagined it was a fear-formed shadow of his own brain; though he did not long remain in this error, but plainly perceived it was no other than the real person of Thomas, who jumping on the quarter-deck, took charge of the helm, and dictated to the failors with as much authority as if he had been commander of the ship. The skipper looked upon him as an angel sent to his affistance, and the crew soon difcovering him to be a thorough-bred fea: man, notwithstanding his livery-frock, obeyed his orders with fuch alacrity, that in a little time the confusion vanished, and every necessary step was taken to . weather the gale.

Our young gentleman immediately conceived the meaning of Tom's appearance on board, and when the tumult was a little subsided, went up and encouraged him to exert himself for the preservation of the ship, promising to take him again into his service, from which he should never be dismissed, except at his own desire. This affurance had a surprizing effect upon Pipes, who, though he made no manner of reply, thrust the helm into the master's hand, saying, 'Here, you old bum-boat woman, take hold of the tiller, and keep 'her thus boy, thus!' and skipped about the vessel, trimming the sails, and ma-

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naging the ropes with fuch agility and skill, that every body on deck stood a-

mazed at his dexterity.

Mr. Jolter was far from being unconcerned at the uncommon motion of the veffel, the finging of the wind, and the uproar which he heard above him; he looked towards the cabbin-door with the most fearful expectation, in hope of feeing some person who could give some account of the weather, and what was doing upon deck; but not a foul appeared, and he was too well acquainted with the disposition of his own bowels to make the least alteration in his attitude. When he had lain a good while in all the agony of suspense, the boy tumbled headlong into his apartment, with fuch noise, that he believed the mast had gone by the board, and start-ing upright in his bed, asked with all the symptoms of horror, what was the cause of that disturbance. The boy, half stunned by his fall, answered in a delorous tone, 'I'm come to put up the dead-lights.' At mention of deadlights, the meaning of which he did not understand, the poor governor's heart died within him; he shivered with despair. His recollection forfaking him, be fell upon his knees in the bed, and fixing his eyes upon the book which was in his hand, began to pronounce aloud with great fervour, 'The time of a compleat ofcillation in the cycloid, is to the time in which a body would fall through the axis of the cycloid DV, as the circumference of a circle to it's diameter—' He would in all liklihood have proceeded with the demonstration of this proposition, had he not been seized with such a qualm as compelled him to drop the book, and accomodate himself to the emergency of his distemper; he therefore stretched himself at full length, and putting up ejaculations to Heaven, began to prepare himself for his latter-end; when all of a fudden, the noise above was intermitted, and as he could not conceive the cause of this tremendous silence, he imagined that either the men were washed over-board, or that despairing of fafety, they had ceased to oppose the tempest. While he was harrowed by this miferable uncertainty, which, however, was not altogether unenlightened by some scattered rays of hope, the mafter entered the cabbin; then he alked with a voice half extinguished by

fear, how matters went upon deck; and the skipper with a large bottle of brands applied to his mouth, answered in a hollow tone, 'All's over now, master.' Upon which, Mr. Jolter giving himself over for lost, exclaimed with the utmost horror, 'Lord have mercy upon 'us! Christ have mercy upon us!' and repeated this supplication as it were mechanically, until the master undeceived him, by explaining the meaning of what he had said, and assuring him that the squall was over.

Such a fudden transition from fear to joy, occasioned a violent agitation both in his mind and body; and it was a full quarter of an hour before he recovered the right use of his organs. By this time the weather cleared up, the wind began to blow again from the right corner, and the spires of Calais appeared at the distance of five leagues; so that the countenances of all on board were lighted up with joyous expectation; and Peregrine venturing to go down into the cabbin, comforted his governor with an account of the happy turn of

their affairs.

Jolter, transported with the thought of a speedy landing, began to launch out in praise of that country for which they were bound. He observed, that France was the land of politeness and hospitality, which were conspicuous in the behaviour of all ranks and degrees, from the peento the peasant; that a gentleman and a foreigner, far from being insulted and imposed upon by the lower class of people, as in England, was treated with the utmost reverence, candour, and respect; that their fields were fertile, their climate pure and healthy, their farmers rich and industrious, and the subjects in general the happiest of men. He would have prosecuted this favourite theme still farther, had not his pupil been obliged to run upon deck, in consequence of certain warnings he received from his stomach.

The skipper seeing his condition, very honestly reminded him of the cold ham and fowls, with a basket of wine which he had ordered to be sent on board, and asked if he would have the cloth laid below. He could not have chosen a more seasonable opportunity of manifesting his own disinterestedness. Peregrine made wry faces at the mention of food, bidding him, for Christ's sake, talk no more on that subject. He then descend-

ed into the cabbin, and put the fame question to Mr. Jolter, who, he knew, entertained the same abhorrence for his proposal; and meeting with the like reception from him, went between decks, and repeated his courteous proffer to the valet de chambre and lacquey, who lay sprawling in all the pangs of a double evacuation, and rejected his civility with the most horrible loathing. Thus baffled in all his kind endeavours, he ordered his boy to secure the provision in one of his own lockers, according to the

custom of the ship. It being low water when they arrived on the French coast, the vessel could not enter the harbour, and they were obliged to bring to, and wait for a boat, which in less than half an hour came along-fide from the shore. Mr. Jolter now came upon deck; and fnuffing up the French air with symptoms of infinite satisfaction, asked of the boatman, with the friendly's ppellation of, mes enfans, what they demanded for transporting him and his pupil, with their baggage, to the pier. But how was he difconcerted, when those polite, candid; reafonable watermen, demanded a Louisd'or for that service! Peregrine, with a farcaftick fneer, observed, that he already began to perceive the justice of his encomiums on the French; and the difappointed governor could fay nothing in his own vindication, but that they were debauched by their intercourse with the inhabitants of Dover. His pupil, however, was fo much offended at their extortion, that he absolutely refused to employ them, even when they abated one half in their demand, and fwore he would flay on board till the packet should be able to enter the harbour, rather than encourage fuch impolition.

The master, who in all probability had some sort of fellow-feeling with the boatmen, in vain represented, that he could not with safety lie to, or anchor upon a lee-shore; our hero, having confulted Pipes, answered, that he had hired his vessel to transport him to Calais, and that he would oblige him to perform what he had undertaken.

The skipper, very much mortified at this peremptory reply, which was not over and above agreeable to Mr. Jolter, dismissed the boat, notwithstanding the solicitations and condescension of the watermen. Running a little farther in shore, they came to an anchor, and

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waited till there was water enough to float them over the bar. Then they flood into the harbour; and our gentleman, with his attendants and baggage, were landed on the pier by the failors, whom he liberally rewarded for their trouble.

He was immediately plied by a great number of porters; who, like fo many hungry wolves, laid hold on his luggage, and began to carry it off piecemeal, without his order or direction. Incensed at this officious insolence, he commanded them to desist, with many oaths and opprobrious terms that his anger suggested; and perceiving that one of them did not seem to pay any regard to what he faid, but marched off with his burden, he fnatched a cudgel out of his lacquey's hand, and overtaking the fellow in a twinkling, brought him to the ground with one blow. He was instantly surrounded by the whole congregation of this canaille, who resented the injury which their brother had fustained, and would have taken immediate satisfaction of the aggressor, had not Pipes, seeing his master involved, brought the whole crew to his affift-ance, and exerted himself so manfully, that the enemy were obliged to retreat with many marks of defeat; and menaces of interesting the commandant in their quarrel. Joiter, who knew and dreaded the power of the French governor, began to shake with apprehenfion, when he heard their repeated threats; but they durft not apply to this magistrate; who, upon a fair reprefentation of the case, would have punished them severely for their rapacious and infolent behaviour. Peregrine, with-out farther molestation, availed himfelf of his own attendants, who shouldered his baggage, and followed him to the gate; where they were stopped by the centinels, until their names should be registered.

Mr. Jolter, who had undergone this examination before, refolved to profit by his experience, and cunningly represented his pupil as a young English lord. This intimation, supported by the appearance of his equipage, was no sooner communicated to the officer, than he turned out the guard, and ordered his foldiers to rest upon their arms, while his lordship passed in great state to the Lion d Argent, where he took up his lodging for the night, resolving to set

out for Paris next morning in a post-

The governor triumphed greatly in this piece of complaifance and respect with which they had been honoured, and refumed his beloved topick of difcourfe, in applauding the method and fubordination of the French govern-ment, which was better calculated for maintaining order, and protecting the people, than any conftitution upon earth. Of their courteous attention to strangers, there needed no other proof than the compliment which had been paid to them, together with the governor's connivance at Peregrine's employing his own fervants in carrying the baggage to the inn, contrary to the privilege of the inhabitants.

While he expatiated with a remarkable degree of felf-indulgence on this fubject, the valet de chambre coming into the room, interrupted his harangue, by telling his mafter, that their trunks and portmanteaus must be carried to the custom-house, in order to be searched, and fealed with lead, which must re-main untouched until their arrival at

Paris.

Peregrine made no objection to this practice, which was in itself reasonable enough; but when he understood that the gate was befieged by another multitude of porters, who inlifted upon their right of carrying the goods, and also of fixing their own price, he absolutely refused to comply with their demand. Nay, he chastised some of the most clamorous among them with his foot, and told them, that if their cultom-house officers had a mind to examine his baggage, they might come to the inn for that purpose. The valet de chambre was abashed at this boldness of his mafter's behaviour, which the lacquey, fhrugging up his shoulders, observed, was bien a l'Angloise; while the governor represented it as an indignity to the whole nation, and endeavoured to persuade his pupil to comply with the custom of the place. But Peregrine's natural haughtiness of disposition hindered him from giving ear to Jolter's wholesome advice; and in less than half an hour they observed a file of musqueteers marching up to the gate. fight of this detachment the tutor trembled, the valet grew pale, and the lac-quey croffed himfelf; but our hero, without exhibiting any other fymptoms

than those of indignation, met them on the threshold, and with a ferocious air demanded their business. The corporal who commanded the file answered with great deliberation, that he had orders to convey his baggage to the custom-house; and seeing the trunks standing in the entry, placed his men between them and the owner, while the porters that followed took them up, and proceeded to the Douane without opposi-

Pickle was not mad enough to difpute the authority of this message: but, in order to gall, and specify his con-tempt for those who brought it, he call-ed aloud to his valet, desiring him, in French, to accompany his things, and fee that none of his linen and effects should be stolen by the searchers. The corporal, mortified at this fatirical infinuation, darted a look of refentment at the author, as if he had been interested for the glory of his nation; and told him, that he could perceive he was a stranger in France, or else he would have faved himfelf the trouble of fuch a needless precaution.

CHAP. II.

HE MAKES A FRUITLESS ATTEMPT IN GALLANTRY; DEPARTS FOR BOULOGNE, WHERE HE SPENDS THE EVENING WITH CERTAIN ENGLISH EXILES.

HAVING thus yielded to the hand of power, he enquired if there was any other English company in the house; when understanding that a gentleman and lady lodged in the next apartment, and had bespoke a postchaife for Paris, he ordered Pipes to ingratiate himself with their footman, and, if possible, learn their names and condition, while he and Mr. Jolter, attended by the lacquey, took a turn round the ramparts, and viewed the particulars of the fortification.

Tom was so very successful in his inquiry, that when his mafter returned, he was able to give him a very fatisfac-tory account of his fellow-lodgers, in confequence of having treated his brother with a bottle of wine. The people in question were a gentleman and his lady lately arrived from England, in their way to Paris. The husband was

man of good fortune, who had been a libertine in his youth, and a professed declaimer against matrimony. He wanted neither sense nor experience; and piqued himself in particular upon his art of avoiding the snares of the female fex, in which he pretended to be deeply versed. But, notwithstanding all his cau-tion and skill, he had lately fallen a sacrifice to the attractions of an oyster-wench, who had found means to decoy him into the bands of wedlock; and, in order to evade the compliments and congratulations of his friends and acquaintance, he had come so far on a tour to Paris, where he intended to initiate his spouse in the beau monde. In the mean time he chose to live upon the reserve, because her natural talents had as yet received but little cultivation; and he had not the most implicit confidence in her virtue and discretion, which, it seems, had like to have yielded to the addresses of an officer at Canterbury, who had made thift to infinuate himself into her acquaintance and favour.

Peregrine's curiofity being inflamed by this information, he lounged about the yard, in hopes of feeing the dulcinea who had captivated the old batchelor; and at length observing her at a window, took the liberty of bowing to her with great respect. She returned the compliment with a curtley, and appeared so decent in her dress and manner, that unless he had been previously informed of her former life and conversation, he never would have dreamed that her education was different from that of other ladies of fashion; so easy is it to acquire that external deportment on which people of condition value themselves so much. Not but that Mr. Pickle pretended to distinguish a certain vulgar audacity in her countenance, which in a lady of birth and fortune would have passed for an agreeable vivacity that en-livens the aspect, and gives poignancy to every feature; but as she possessed a pair of fine eyes, and a clear complexion overspread with the glow of health, which never fails of recommending the owner, he could not help gazing at her with defire, and forming the delign of making a conquest of her heart. With this view, he sent his compliments to her husband, whose name was Hornbeck, with an intimation, that he proposed to set out next day for Paris; and as he understood that he was resolved

upon the same journey, he should be extremely glad of his company on the road, if he was not better engaged. Hornbeck, who in all probability did not chuse to accommodate his wife with a squire of our hero's appearance, sent a civil answer to his message, professing infinite mortification at his being unable to embrace the favour of this kind offer, by reason of the indisposition of his wife, who, he was afraid, would not be in a condition for some days to bear the fatigue of travelling. This rebuff, which Peregrine ascribed to the husband's jealousy, stifled his project in embryo: he ordered his French servant to take a place for himfelf in the diligence, where all his luggage was stowed, except a fmall trunk with fome linen and other necessaries, that was fixed upon the post-chaise which they hired of the landlord; and early next morning he and Mr. Jolter departed from Calais, attended by his valet de chamber and Pipes, on horseback. They proceeded with-out any accident as far as Boulogne, where they breakfasted and visited old father Graham, a Scottish gentleman of the governor's acquaintance, who had lived as a capuchin in that place for the fpace of threescore years, and during that period conformed to all the aufterities of the order with the most rigorous exactness; being equally remark-able for the frankness of his conversation, the humanity of his disposition, and the simplicity of his manners. From Boulogne they took their departure about noon, and as they proposed to sleep that night at Abbé Ville, commanded the postilion to drive with extraordinary speed. Perhaps it was well for his cattle that the axle-tree gave way, and the chaife of course overturned, before they had travelled one third part of the stage,

This accident compelled them to return to the place from whence they fet out; and as they could not procure another convenience, they found themselves under the necessity of staying till their chaise could be refitted. Understanding that this operation would detain them a whole day, our young gentleman had recourse to his patience, and demanded to know what they would have for dinner; the garçon or waiter thus questioned, vanished in a moment, and immediately they were surprized with the appearance of a strange sigure, which, from the extravagance of it's dress and

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gesticulation, Peregrine missook for a madman of the growth of France. This phantom, (which, by the bye, happened to be no other than the cook) was a tall, long-legged, meagre, swarthy fellow, that stooped very much; his cheekbones were remarkably raised, his nose bent into the shape and size of a powder-horn, and the sockets of his eyes as raw round the edges as if the skin had been round the edges as if the skin had been pared off. On his head he wore an handkerchief, which had once been white, and now served to cover the upper part of a black periwig, to which was attached a bag, at least a foot square, with a folitaire and rose that stuck upon each fide to his ear; fo that he looked like a criminal on the pillory. His back was accommodated with a linen waiftcoat, his hands adorned with long ruffles of the same piece; his middle was girded by an apron tucked up, that it might not conceal his white filk stockings rolled; and at his entrance he brandished a bloody weapon full three feet in length. Peregrine, when he first saw him approach in this menacing artitude, put himself upon his guard; but being informed of his quality, perused his bill of fare, and having bespoke three or four things for dinner, walked out with Mr. Jolter to view both towns, which they had not leight fure to confider minutely before. In their return from the harbour they met with four or five gentlemen, all of whom feemed to look with an air of dejection, and perceiving our hero and his gover-nor to be English by their dress, bowed with great respect as they passed. Pickle, who was naturally compassionate, felt an emotion of sympathy; and feeing a person, who by his habit he judged to be one of their servants, accosted him in English, and asked who the gentle-men were. The lacquey gave him to understand that they were his own countrymen, exiled from their native homes, in consequence of their adherence to an unfortunate and ruined cause; and that they were gone to the fea fide, according to their daily practice, in order to indulge their longing eyes, with a prospect of the white cliffs of Albion, which they must never more approach.

Though our young gentleman differed widely from them in point of political principles, he was not one of those enthusiasts, who look upon every schism from the established articles of faith as

damnable, and exclude the feeptick from every benefit of humanity and Christian forgiveness: he could easily comprehend how a man of the most unblemished morals might, by the prejudice of edu-cation, or indispensible attachments, be engaged in fuch a blame-worthy and pernicious undertaking; and thought that they had already suffered severely for their imprudence. He was affected with the account of their diurnal pilgrimage to the fea-fide, which he confidered as a pathetick proof of their afflic-tion, and invested Mr. Jolter with the agreeable office of going to them with a compliment in his name, and begging the honour of drinking a glass with them in the evening. They accepted them in the evening. They accepted the proposal with great satisfaction and respectful acknowledgment, and in the afternoon waited upon the kind inviter, who treated them with coffee, and would have detained them to supper; but they intreated the favour of his company at the house which they frequented so earneftly, that he yielded to their folicitations, and with his governor was conducted by them to the place, where they had provided an elegant repair, and re-galed them with fome of the best claret in France.

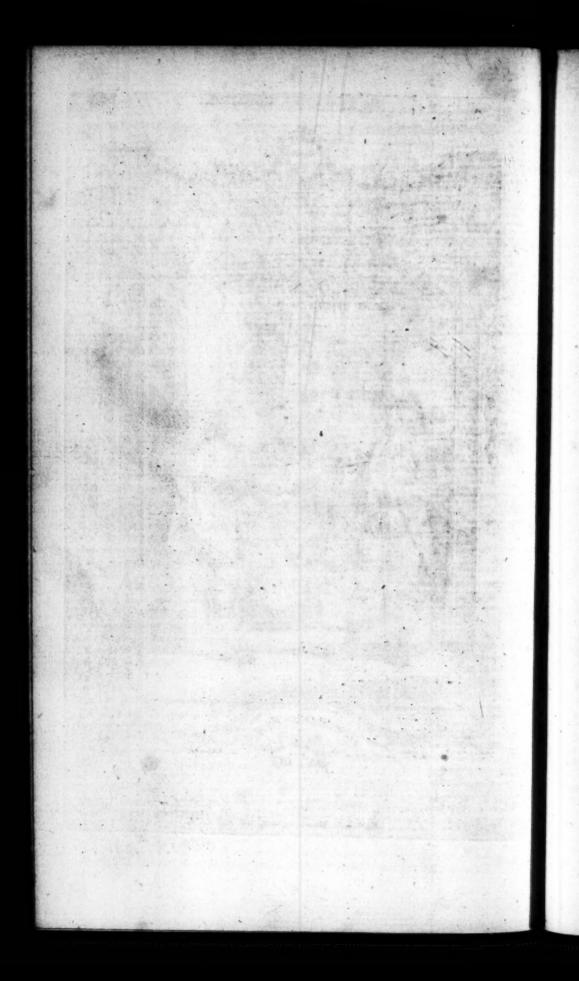
It was easy for them to perceive that their principal guest was no favourer of their state maxims, and therefore they industriously avoided every subject of conversation which could give the least offence; not but that they lamented their own fituation, which cut them off from all their dearest connections, and doomed them to perpetual banishment from their families and friends: but they did not, even by the most distant hint, impeach the justice of that sentence by which they were condemned; although one among them, who seemed to be about the age of thirty, wept bitterly over his misfortune, which had involved a beloved wife and three children in mifery and diffress; and in the impatience of his grief, curfed his own fate with frantick imprecations. His companions, with a view of beguiling his forrow, and manifesting their own hospitality at the same time, changed the topick of discourse, and circulated the bumpers with great assiduity; so that all their cares were overwhelmed and forgotten, feveral drinking French catches were fung, and mirth and good fellowship prevailed.

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In the midft of this elevation, which commonly unlocks the most hidden sentiment, and dispels every consideration of caution and confinaint, one of the entertainers being more intoxicated than his fellows, proposed a toast, to which Peregrine with some warmth excepted, as an unmannerly infult. The other maintained his proposition with indecent heat; and the dispute beginning to grow very ferious, the company interposed, and gave judgment against their friend, who was so keenly reproached and rebuked for his impolite behaviour, that he retired in high dudgeon, threatening to relinquish their fociety, and branding them with the appellation of apostates from the common cause. Mortified at the behaviour of their companion, those that remained were earnest in their apologies to their guests, whom they befought to forgive his intemperance, affuring them with great confidence that he would, upon the recovery of his reflection, wait upon them in person, and ask pardon for the umbrage he had given. Pickle was satisfied with their remonstrances, refumed his good-humour, and the night being pretty far advanced, refifted all their importunities with which he was intreated to fee another bottle go round, and was escorted to his own lodgings more than half feas over. Next morning about eight o'clock, he was waked by his valet de chambre, who told him that two of the gentlemen with whom he had spent the evening were in the house, and defired the favour of being admitted into his chamber. He could not conceive the meaning of this extraordinary vifit, and ordering his man to shew them into his apartment, beheld the person who had affronted him enter with the gentleman who had reprehended his rudeness.

He who had given the offence, after having made an apology for diffurbing Mr. Pickle, told him that his friend there present had been with him early that morning, and proposed the alternative of either fighting with him immediately, or coming to beg pardon for his unmannerly deportment over night; that though he had courage enough to face any man in the field in a righteous cause, he was not so brutal as to disobey the dictates of his own duty and resection, in consequence of which, and not out of any regard to the other's menaces, which he despised, he had now taken the liber-

ty of interrupting his repose, that he might, as foon as possible, atone for the injury he had done him, which he protelled was the effect of intoxication alone, and begged his forgiveness accordingly. Our hero accepted of this acknowledgment very graciously, thanked the other gentleman for the gallant part he had acted in his behalf; and perceiving that his companion was a little irritated at his officious interpolition, effected a reconciliation, by convincing him that what he had done was for the honour of the company. He then kept them to breakfast, expressed a defire of feeing their fituation altered for the better; and the chaise being repaired, took leave of his entertainers, who came to wish him a good journey, and with his attendants left Boulogne for the fecond time.

CHAP. III.

PROCEEDS FOR THE CAPITAL.

TAKES UP HIS LODGING AT BERNAY, WHERE HE IS OVERTAKEN BY MR. HORNBECK, WHOSE HEAD HE LONGS TO FORTIPY.

URING this day's expedition, Mr. Jolter took an opportunity of imparting to his pupil the remarks he had made upon the industry of the French, as an undeniable proof of which he bid him cast his eyes around, and observe with what care every spot of ground was cultivated; and from the fertility of that province, which is reckoned the poorest in France, conceive the wealth and affluence of the nation in general. Peregrine, amazed as well as difgusted at this infatuation, answered, that what he had ascribed to industry was the effect of mere wretchedness; the miserable peasants being obliged to plough up every inch of ground to fatisfy their oppressive landlords, while they themselves and their cattle looked like fo many images of famine; that their extreme poverty was evident from the face of the country, on which there was not one inclosure to be feen, or any other object, except scanty crops of barley and oats, which could never reward the toil of the husbandman; that their habitations were no better than paltry buts; that in twenty miles of extent,

not one gentleman's house appeared; that nothing was more abject and forlorn than the attire of their country people; that the equipage of their travelling chaises was infinitely inferior to that of a dung-cart in England; and that the postilion who then drove their carriage, had neither stockings to his

legs, nor a shirt to his back.

The governor finding his charge so intractable, resolved to leave him in the midst of his own ignorance and preju-dice, and reserve his observations for those who would pay more deference to his opinion: and indeed this resolution he had often made, and as often broke, in the transports of his zeal, that fre-quently hurried him out of the plan of conduct which in his cooler moments be had laid down. They halted for a refreshment at Montreuil, and about feven in the evening arrived at a village called Bernay, where while they waited for fresh horses, they were informed by the landlord, that the gates of Abbé Ville were shut every night punctually at eight o'clock; so that it would be impossible for them to get admittance. He faid, there was not another place of entertainment on the road where they could pass the night; and therefore, as a friend, he advised them to stay at his house, where they would find the best of accommodation, and proceed upon their journey betimes in the morning

Mr. Jolter, though he had travelled on that road before, could not recollect whether or not mine hoft spoke truth; but his remonstrance being very plaufible, our hero determined to follow his advice, and being conducted into an apartment, asked what they could have for supper. The landlord mentioned every thing that was eatable in the house, and the whole being engroffed for the use of him and his attendants, he amused himself till such time as it should be dreffed, in strolling about the house, which stands in a very rural situation. While he thus loitered away the time that hung heavy on his hands, another chaife arrived at the inn; and, upon inquiry, he found that the new comers were Mr. Hornbeck and his lady. The landlord, conscious of his inability to entertain this fecond company, came and begged with great humiliation that Mr. Pickle would spare them some part of the victuals he had bespoke; but he refuled to part with so much as the wing

of a partridge; though, at the fame time, he fent his compliments to the strangers, and giving them to understand how ill the house was provided for their reception, invited them to partake of his fupper. Mr. Hornbeck, who was not deficient in point of politeness, and extremely well disposed for a relishing meal, which he had reason to expect from the favoury fleam that issued from the kitchen, could not relift this fecond instance of our young gentleman's civi-lity, which he acknowledged by a mesfage, importing, that he and his wife would do themselves the pleasure of profiting by his courteous offer. grine's cheeks glowed when he found himself on the eve of being acquainted with Mrs. Hornbeck, of whose heart he had already made a conquest in imagination; and he forthwith fet his invention at work, to contrive fome means of defeating her husband's vigilance.

When supper was ready, he in person gave notice to his gueft, and leading the lady into his apartment, seated her in an elbow-chair at the upper end of the table, fqueezing her hand, and darting a most insidious glance at the same time. This abrupt behaviour he practifed, on the prefumption that a lady of her breeding was not to be addressed with the tedious forms that must be observed in one's advances to a person of birth and genteel education. In all probability his calculation was just, for Mrs. Hornbeck gave no figns of discontent at this fort of treatment; but, on the contrary, seemed to consider it as a proof of the young gentleman's regard; and though the did not venture to open her mouth three times during the whole repaft, the thewed herfelf particularly well fatisfied with her entertainer, by fundry fly and fignificant looks, while her husband's eyes were directed another way, and divers loud peals of laughter, fignifying her approbation of the fallies which he uttered in the course of their conversation. Her spouse began to be very uneasy at the frank demeanor of his yoke-fellow, whom he endeavoured to check in her vivacity, by assuming a severity of aspect; but whether she obeyed the dictates of her own disposition, which, perhaps, was merry and unreferved, or wanted to punish Mr. Hornbeck for his jealoufy of temper; certain it is, her gaiety increased to such a degree, that her husband was grievoully alarmed and incenfed at her conduct, and resolved to make her sensible of his displeasure, by treading in secret upon her toes. He was, however, so disconcerted by his indignation, that he mistook his mark, and applied the sharp heel of his shoe to the side of Mr. Jolter's foot, comprehending his little toe that was studded with an angry corn, which he invaded with such a sudden jerk, that the governor, unable to endure the torture in filence, started up, and dancing on the floor, reared hideously with re peated bellowings, to the unspeakable enjoyment of Peregrine and the lady, who laughed themselves almost into convulfions at the joke. Hornbeck, confounded at the mistake he had committed, begged pardon of the injured tutor with great contrition, protesting that the blow he had so unfortunately received, was intended for an ugly cur, which he thought had posted himself under the table. It was lucky for him that there was actually a dog in the room, to justify this excuse, which Jolter admitted with the tears running over his cheeks, and the œconomy of the table was recomposed.

As foon, however, as the ftrangers could with decency withdraw, this fuspicious husband took his leave of the youth, on pretence of being fatigued with his journey, after having, by way of compliment, proposed that they should travel together next day; and Peregrine handed the lady to her chamber, where he wished her good night with another warm squeeze, which she returned. This favourable hint made his heart bound with a transport of joy; he lay in wait for an opportunity of declaring himfelf, and feeing the husband go down into the yard with a candle, glided foftly into his apartment, where he found her almost undreffed. Impelled by the impetuolity of his passion, which was still more enflamed by her present luscious appearance, and encourged by the approbation the had already expressed, he ran to-towards her with eagerness, crying, Zounds, Madam! your charms are irrefistible! and without farther ceremony would have clasped her in his arms, had she not begged him for the love of God to retire, for should Mr. Hornbeck return and find him there, she would be undone for ever. He was not so blinded by his passion, but

fear, and as he could not pretend to crown his wishes at that interview, avowed himself her lover, assured her that he would exhauft his whole invention in finding a proper opportunity for throwing himself at her feet; and in the mean time he ravished fundry small favours, which she in the hurry of her fright could not withold from his impudence of address. Having thus hap-pily settled the preliminaries, he withdrew to his own chamber, and spent the whole night in contriving stratagems to elude the jealous caution of his fellowtraveller.

CHAP. IV.

THEY SET OUT IN COMPANY, BREAKFAST AT ABBE VILLE, DINE AT AMIENS, AND ABOUT ELEVEN O'CLOCK ARRIVE AT CHANTILLY, WHERE PERE-EXECUTES A PLAN GRINE WHICH HE HAD CONCERTED UPON HORNBECK.

HE whole company by agreement rose and departed before day, and breakfasted at Abbé Ville, where the became acquainted with the fineffe of their Bernay landlord, who had imposed upon them, in affirming that they would not have been admitted after the gates were shut. From thence they proceeded to Amiens, where they dined and were peftered by begging friars; and the roads being deep, it was eleven o'clock at night before they reached Chantilly, where they found supper already dressed in confequence of having dispatched the valet de chambre before them on horseback.

The conflitution of Hornbeck being very much impaired by a life of irregularity, he found himself so fatigued with his day's journey, which amounted to upwards of an hundred miles, that when he fat down at table, he could scarce sit upright; and in less than three minutes began to nod in his chair. Peregrine, who had foreseen and provided for this occasion, advised him to exhilarate his spirits with a glass of wine; and the proposal being embraced, tipped his valet de chambre the wink; who, according to the instructions he had received, qualified the Burgundy with thirty drops of laudanum, which this unthat he faw the reasonableness of her fortunate husband swallowed in one glas. The dose co-operating with his former drowfines, lulled him so fast asseep, as it were instantaneously, that it was found necessary to convey him to his own chamber, where his footman undreffed and put him to bed. Nor was Jolter (naturally of a fluggist disposi-tion) able to resist his propensity to sleep, without suffering divers dreadful yawns, which encouraged his pupil to admini-fler the same dose to him, which had ope-rated so successfully upon the other Argus. This cordial had not fuch a gentle effect upon the rugged organs of Jolter, as upon the more delicate perves of Hornbeck; but discovered itself in certain involuntary flartings, and convulfive motions in the muscles of his face; and when his nature at length yielded to the power of this medicine, he founded the trumpet fo loud through his nostrils, that our adventurer was afraid the noise would wake his other patient, and consequently prevent the accomplishment of his aim. The governor was therefore committed to the care of Pipes, who lugged him into the next room, and having ftripped off his cloaths, tumbled him into his neft, while the two lovers remutual paffion.

Peregrine, in the impatience of his inclination, would have finished the fate of Hornbeck immediately; but his inamorata disapproved of his intention, and represented that their being together by themselves for any length of time, would be observed by her servant, who was kept as a spy upon her actions; so that they had recourse to another scheme, which was executed in this manner: he conducted her into her own apartment, in presence of her footman, who lighted them thither, and wishing her good rest, returned to his own chamber, where he waited till every thing was quiet in the house; then stealing softly to her door, which had been left open for his admiffion in the dark, he found the husband still secure in the embraces of sleep, and the lady in a loofe gown, ready to feal his happiness. He conveyed her to his own chamber; but his guilty passion was

not gratified.

The opium which had been given to Jolter, together with the wine he had drank, produced fuch a peturbation in his fancy, that he was visited with horrible dreams, and among other miserable situations, imagined himself in dan-

ger of perishing in the stames, which he thought had taken hold on his apartment. This vision made such an impression upon his faculties, that he alarmed the whole house with the repeated cries of 'Fire! fire!' and even leaped out of his bed, though he still continued fast asleep. The lovers were very disagreeably disturbed by this dreadful exclamation; and Mrs. Hornbeck running in great confusion to the door, had the mortification to see the footman with a light in his hand, enter her husband's chamber in order to give him notice of this accident. She knew that she would be instantly missed, and could easily divine the consequence, unless her invention could immediately trump up some plausible excuse for her absence.

Women are naturally fruitful of expedients in cases of such emergency; she employed but a few feconds in recollection, and rushing directly towards the apartment of the governor, who still continued to halloo in the same note, exclaimed in a screaming tone, Lord have mercy ' upon us! where! where!' By this time, all the fervants were affembled in strange attire; Peregrine burst into Jolter's room, and feeing him stalking in his shirt with his eyes shut, bestowed such a slap upon his back, as in a moment diffolved his dream, and restored him to the use of his fenses. He was aftonished and ashamed at being discovered in such an indecent attitude; and taking refuge under the cloaths, asked pardon of all present for the disturbance he had occasioned; foliciting, with great humility, the forgiveness of the lady, who to a miracle counterfeited the utmost agitation of terror and furprize. Meanwhile, Hornbeck being awakened by the repeated efforts of his man, no fooner understood that his wife was missing, than all the chimeras of jealoufy taking possession of his imagination, he started up in a fort of phrenzy; and fnatching his fword, flew straight to Peregrine's chamber; where, though he found not that which he looked for, he unluckily perceived an under-petticoat, which his wife had forgot in the hurry of her retreat. This discovery added fuel to the flame of his resentment. He seized the fatal proof of his dishonour, and meeting his spouse in her return to bed, prefented it to her view, faying, with a most expressive countenance, Madant, you have dropped your under-petti-

coat in the next room.' Mrs. Hornbeck, who inherited from nature a most admirable presence of mind, looked earneftly at the object in question, and with incredible ferenity of countenance, affirmed that the petticoat must belong to the house, for she had none such in her possession. Peregrine, who walked be-hind her, hearing this asseveration, immediately interpoled; and pulling Hornbeck by the fleeve into his chamber, Gads zooks! faid he, what business had you with that petticoat! Can't you let a young fellow enjoy a little amour with an innkeeper's daughter, without exposing his infirmities to your wife? Pshaw! that's formalicious; because yourfelf, to spoil ted these adventures yourself, to spoil the fport of other people!' The poor husband was so confounded at the effrontery of his wife, and this cavalier declaration of the young man, that his faith began to waver; he distrusted his own conscious diffidence of temper, which, that he might not expose, he expreffed no doubts of Peregrine's veracity, but asking pardon for the mistake he had committed, retired. He was not vet satisfied with the behaviour of his ingenious help-mate; but, on the contrary, determined to enquire more mi-nutely into the circumstances of this adventure; which turned out so little to his satisfaction, that he ordered his fervant to get every thing ready for his departure by break of day; and when our adventurer rose next morning, he found that his fellow-travellers were gone above three hours, though they agreed to stay all the forenoon, with a view of seeing the Prince of Conde's palace, and to proceed all together for Paris in the afternoon.

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etticoat. Peregrine was a little chagrined, when he understood that he was so suddenly deprived of this untasted morsel; and Joter could not conceive the meaning of their abrupt and uncivil disappearance; which, after many profound conjectures, he accounted for, by supposing that Hornbeck was some sharper who had run away with an heires, whom he found it necessary to conceal from the enquiry of her friends.

The pupil, who was well affured of the true motive, allowed his governor to enjoy the triumph of his own penetration, and confoled himself with the hope of seeing his dulcinea again at

fome of the publick places in Paris, which he proposed to frequent. Thus comforted, he visited the magnificent stables and palace of Chantilly; and immediately after dinner set out for Paris, where they arrived in the evening, and hired apartments at an hotel in the Fauxbourgh St. Germaine, not far from the playhouse.

CHAP. V.

HE IS INVOLVED IN AN ADVENTURE AT PARIS, AND TAKEN PRISONER BY THE CITY GUARD. BECOMES ACQUAINTED WITH A FRENCH NOBLEMAN, WHO INTRODUCES HIM IN THE BEAU MONDE.

THEY were no fooner fettled in these lodgings, than our hero wrote to his uncle an account of their safe arrival; and sent another letter to his friend Gauntlet, with a very tender billet inclosed for his dear Emilia, to whom he repeated all his former vows of con-

ftancy and love.

The next care that ingroffed him. was that of bespeaking several suits of cloaths fuitable to the French mode; and in the mean time he never appeared abroad, except in the English coffeehouse, where he soon became acquainted with some of his own countrymen, who were at Paris on the same footing with himself. The third evening after his journey, he was engaged in a party of those young sparks, at the house of a noted traiteur, whose wife was remarkably handsome, and otherwise extremely well qualified for alluring cuftomers to her house. To this lady our young gentleman was introduced as a stranger fresh from England; and he was charmed with her personal accomplishments, as well as with the freedom and gaiety of her conversation. Her frank deportment persuaded him that she was one of those kind creatures, who granted favours to the best bidder; on this supposition he began to be so importunate in his addresses, that the fair Burgeoise was compelled to cry aloud in defence of her own virtue. Her husband ran immediately to her affiftance; and finding her in a very alarming fituation, flew upon her ravisher with such fury, that he was fain to quit his prey, and turn against the exasperated traiteur, whom he punished without mercy for his impudent intrusion. The lady seeing her yoke-sellow treated with so little respect, espoused his cause; and fixing her nails in his antagonist's face, scarified all one side of his nose. The nose of this encounter brought all the servants of the house to the rescue of their master; and Peregrine's company opposing them, a general battle ensued, in which the French were totally routed, the wite insulted, and the husband kicked down stairs.

The publican, enraged at the indignity which had been offered to him and his family, went out into the street, and implored the protection of the guet, or city guard; which, having heard his complaint, fixed their bayoners, and furrounded the door, to the number of twelve or fourteen. The young gentlemen, fluthed with their fuccefs, and confidering the foldiers as fo many London watchmen, whom they had often put to flight, drew their fwords, and fallied out, with Peregrine at their head. Whether the guard respected them as foreigners, or inexperienced youths intoxicated with liquor, they opened to right and left, and gave them room to pals without opposition. This complaifance, which was the effect of compassion, being misinterpreted by the English leader, he, out of mere wantonness, attempted to trip up the heels of the foldier that flood next him, but failed in the execution, and received a blow on his breast with the butt end of a fufil, that made him ftagger feveral paces backward. Incenfed at this audacious application, the whole company charged the detachment fword in hand, and after an obstinate engagement, in which divers wounds were given and received, every foul of them were taken, and conveyed to the main guard. The commanding officer being made acquainted with the circumstances of the quarrel, in confideration of their youth and national ferocity, for which the French make large allowances, fet them all at liberty, after having gently re-buked them for the irregularity and infolence of their conduct : fo that all our hero acquired by his gallantry and courage, was a number of scandalous marks upon his vifage that confined him a whole week to his chamber. It was impossible to conceal this disaster from Mr. Jolter, who having obtained intel-

ligence of the particulars, did not fail to remonstrate against the rashness of the adventure, which he observed must have been fatal to them, had their enemies been other than Frenchmen, who, of all people under the sun, most rigorously observe the laws of hospitality.

As the governor's acquaintance lay chiefly among Irish and English priests, and a set of low people who live by making themselves necessary to strangers, either in teaching the French language, or executing small commissions with which they are intrusted, he was not the most proper person in the world for regulating the tafte of a young gentleman who travelled for improvement, in expectation of making a figure one day in his own country. Being confcious of his own incapacity, he contented himfelf with the office of a steward, and kept a faithful account of all the money that was disbursed in the course of their family expence; not but that he was acquainted with all the places which were vilited by strangers on their first arrival at Paris; and he knew to a liard what was commonly given to the Swiss of each remarkable hotel; though, with respect to the curious painting and statuary that every where abound in that metropolis, he was more ignorant than the domestick that attends for a livre a

In short, Mr. Jolter could give a very good account of the stages on the road, and fave the expence of Antonini's detail of the curiofities in Paris; he was a connoisseur in ordinaries, from twelve to five and thirty livres; knew all the rates of a fiacre and remise, could dispute with a tailleur or traiteur upon the articles of his bill, and fcold the fervants in tolerable French. But the laws, customs, and genius of the people, the characters of individuals, and scenes of polished life, were subjects which he had neither opportunities to observe, inclination to consider, nor discernment to diffinguish. All his maxims were the fuggestions of pedantry and prejudice; to that his perception was obscur-ed, his judgment biassed, his address aukward, and his conversation absurd and unentertaining: yet such as I have represented this tutor, is the greatest part of those animals who lead raw boys about the world, under the denomination of travelling governors. Peregrine, therefore, being perfectly well acquainted with the extent of Mr. Jolter's abilities, never dreamed of confulting him in the disposition of his conduct, butparcelled out his time according to the dictates of his own reflection, and the information and direction of his companions, who had lived longer in France, and consequently were better acquainted with the pleasures of the place.

As foon as he was in a condition to appear à la Françoisa, he hired a genteel chariot by the month, made the tour of the Luxembourg gallery, Palais Royal, all the remarkable hotels, churches, and celebrated places in Paris; visited St. Cloud, Marli, Versailles, Trianon, St. Germain, and Fountainbleau; enjoyed the opera, masquerades, Italian and French comedy; and feldom failed of appearing in the publick walks, in hopes of meeting with Mrs. Hornbeck, or some adventure fuited to his romantick disposition. He never doubted that his person would attract the notice of some distinguished inamorata, and was vain enough to believe that few female hearts were able to refift the artillery of his accomplishments, should he once find an opportunity of planting it to advantage. He presented himself, however, at all the spectacles for many weeks, without reaping the fruits of his expectation; and began to entertain a very indifferent idea of the French discernment, which had overlooked him fo long; when one day, in his way to the opera, his chariot was stopped by an *embarras* in the street, occalioned by two peafants, who having driven their carts against each other, quarrelled, and went to loggerheads on the fpot. Such a rencounter is so uncommon in France, that the people shut up their shops, and from their windows threw cold water upon the combatants, with a view of putting an end to the battle, which was maintained with great fury and very little skill, until one of them receiving an accidental fall, the other took the advantage of this misfortune, and fastening upon him as he lay, began to thump the pavement with his head. Our hero's equipage being detained close by the field of this contention, Pipes could not bear to fee the laws of boxing fo scandalously transgressed, and leaping from his station, pulled the offender from his antagonist, whom he raifed up, and in the English language encouraged to a fecond essay, instructing him at the same time, by clenching his

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fifts according to art, and putting himfelf in a proper attitude. Thus confirmed, the enraged carman fprung upon his foe, and in all appearance would have effectually revenged the injury he had fuftained, if he had not been prevented by the interpolition of a lacquey belonging to a nobleman, whose coach was obliged to halt in consequence of the dispute. This footman, who was diffinguished by a cane, descending from his post, without the least ceremony or expostulation, began to employ his weapon upon the head and shoulders of the peasant who had been patronized by Pipes; upon which Thomas refenting such ungenerous behaviour, bestowed such a stomacher upon the officious intermeddler, as discomposed the whole economy of his entrails, and obliged him to discharge the interjection Ab! with demonstra-tions of great anguish and amazement. The other two footmen who stood behind the coach, feeing their fellow-fervant fo infolently affaulted, flew to his affiftance, and rained a most disagreeable shower upon the head of his agreffor, who had no means of diversion or defence. Peregrine, though he did not approve of Tom's conduct, could not bear to fee him fo roughly handled, efpecially as he thought his own honour concerned in the fray, and therefore quitting his machine, came to the refcue of his attendant, and charged his adversaries fword in hand. Two of them no fooner perceived this reinforcement, than they betook themselves to flight; and Pipes having twifted the cane out of the hands of the third, belaboured him so unmercifully, that our hero thought proper to interpole his authority in his behalf. The common people flood aghast at this unprecedented boldness of Pickle, who understanding that the person whose fervants he had disciplined, was a general and prince of the blood, went up to the coach, and asked pardon for what he had done, imputing his own behaviour to his ignorance of the other's quality. The old nobleman accepted of his apology with great politeness, thanking him for the trouble he had taken to reform the manners of his domelticks; and gueffing from our youth's appearance that he was some stranger of condition, very courteoully invited him into the coach, on the supposition that they were both going to the opera. Pickle gladly embraced this opportunity of becoming P 2 acquainted acquainted with a person of such rank, and ordering his own chariot to follow, accompanied the count to his loge, where he conversed with him during the whole entertainment.

He foon perceived that Peregrine was not deficient in spirit or sense, and seemed particularly pleased with his engaging manner and eafy deportment, qualifications for which the English nation is by no means remarkable in France, and therefore the more conspicuous and agreeable in the character of our hero, whom the nobleman carried home that same evening, and introduced to his lady and teveral persons of fashion who supped at his house. Peregrine was quite captivated by their affable behaviour, and the vivacity of their discourse; and af-ter having been honoured with particular marks of confideration, took his leave, fully determined to cultivate fuch

a valuable acquaintance.

His vanity fuggested, that now the time was come when he should profit by his talents among the fair-fex, on whom he refolved to employ his utmost art and address. With this view he. affiduously engaged in all parties, to which he had access by means of his noble friend, who let flip no opportunity of gratifying his ambition. He for fome time shared in all his amusements, and was entertained in many of the best families of France; but he did not long enjoy that elevation of hope which had flattered his imagination. He foon perceived that it would be impossible to maintain the honourable connections he had made, without engaging every day at quadrille, or in other words, lofing his money; for every person of rank, whether male or female, was a professed gamefter, who knew and practised all the finesse of the art, of which he was ent rely ignorant. Befides, he began to find himfelf a mere novice in French gallantry, which is supported by an amazing volubility of tongue, and obsequious and incredible attention to trifles, a furprizing faculty of laugh ng out of pure complaisance, and a nothingness of conver-fation which he could never attain. In short, our hero, who among his own countrymen would have passed for a sprightly entertaining fellow, was confidered in the brilliant affemblies of France as a youth of a very phlegmatick disposition. No wonder, then, that his pride was mortified at his own want of

importance, which he did not fail to ascribe to their defect in point of judgment and taste: he conceived a disgust at the mercenary conduct, as well as the shallow intellects of the ladies; and after he had spent some months, and a round sum of money, in fruitless attendance and addresses, he fairly quitted the pursuit, and confoled himself with the conversation of a merry fille de joye, whose good graces he acquired by an allowance of twenty Louis per month. That he might the more easily afford this expence, he dismissed his chariot and French lacquey at the same time.

He then entered himself in a noted academy, in order to finish his exercises, and contracted an acquaintance with a few sensible people, whom he distinguished at the coffee-house and ordinary to which he reforted, and who contributed not a little to the improvement of his knowledge and tafte: for, prejudice apart, it must be owned, that France abounds with men of consummate honour, profound fagacity, and the most liberal education. From the conversation of such, he obtained a distinct idea of their government and constitution; and though he could not help admiring the excellent order and æconomy of their police, the refult of all his inquries was felf-congratulation on his title to the privileges of a British subject. Indeed this invaluable birth-right was rendered conspicuous by such flagrant occurrences, which fell every day almost under his observation, that nothing but the groffest prejudice could dispute it's existence.

CHAP. VI.

ACQUIRES A DISTINCT IDEA OR THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT; QUARRELS WITH A MOUSQUETAIRE, WHOM HE AFTERWARDS FIGHTS AND VANQUISHES, AFTER HAVING PUNISHED HIM FOR INTERFERING IN HIS AMOROUS RECREATIONS.

A MONG many other instances of the same nature, I believe it will not be amiss to exhibit a few specimens of their administration, which happened during his abode at Paris, that those who have not the opportunity of observing for themselves, or are in danger of being influenced by mifrepresentation, may compare their own condition with that of their neighbours, and do justice to the constitution under which they live.

A lady of diffinguished character having been lampooned by some obscure scribbler, who could not be discovered, the ministry, in consequence of her complaint, ordered no sewer than five and twenty abbes to be apprehended and sent to the Bastile, on the maxim of Herod, when he commanded the innocents to be murdered, hoping that the principal object of his cruelty would not escape in the general calamity; and the friends of those unhappy prisoners durst not even complain of the unjust persecution, but shrugged up their shoulders, and in silence deplored their missfortune, uncertain whether or not they should

ever fet eyes on them again.

About the same time, a gentleman of family, who had been oppressed by a certain powerful duke that lived in the neighbourhood, found means to be introduced to the king, who receiving his petition very graciously, asked in what regiment he served; and when the me-morialist answered, that he had not the honour of being in the fervice, returned the paper unopened, and refused to hear one circumstance of his complaint; so that far from being redressed, he remained more than ever exposed to the tyranny of his oppressors: nay, so notorious is the discouragement of all those who presume to live independent of court favour and connections, that one of the gentlemen, whose friendship Peregrine cultivated, frankly owned he was in possession of a most romantick place, in one of the provinces, and deeply enamoured of a country life; and yet he durst not refide upon his own estate, lest by flackening his attendance upon the great, who honoured him with their protection, he should fall a prey to some rapacious intendant.

As for the common people, they are fo much inured to the scourge and infolence of power, that every shabby subaltern, every beggarly cadet of the noblesse, every low retainer to the court, insults and injures them with impunity. A certain ecuyer, or horse dealer, belonging to the king, being one day under the hands of a barber, who happened to cut the head of a pimple on his face, he started up, and drawing his sword, wounded him desperately in the shoulder.

The poor tradefman, hurt as he was made an effort to retire, and was followed by this barbarons affaffin, who, not contented with the vengeance he had taken, plunged his fword a fecond time into his body, and killed him on the spot. Having performed this inhuman exploit, he dreffed himfelf with great deliberation, and going to Verfailles, immediately obtained a pardon for what he had done; triumphing in his brutality with fuch infolence, that the very next time he had occasion to be shaved he fat with his fword ready drawn, in order to repeat the murder, in case the barber should commit the same mistake. Yet so tamed are those poor people to subjection, that when Peregrine mentioned this affaffination to his own trimmer, with expressions of horror and detestation, the infatuated wretch replied, that without all doubt it was a misfortune, but it proceeded from the gentleman's paffion; and observed, by way of encomium on the government, that fuch vivacity is never punished in France.

A few days after this outrage was committed, our youth, who was a professed enemy to all oppression, being in one of the first loges at the comedy, was eye-witness of an adventure which filled him with indignation: a tall, ferocious fellow, in the parterre, without the least provocation, but prompted by the mere wantonnels of pride, took hold of the hat of a very decent young man who happened to stand before him, and twirled it round upon his head. The party thus offended turned to his aggressor, and civilly asked the reason of such treatment; but he received no answer; and when he looked the other way, the in-fult was repeated: upon which he expressed his resentment as became a man of spirit, and defired the offender to walk out with him. No fooner did he thus fignify his intention, than his adverfary, swelling with rage, cocked his hat fiercely in his face, and fixing his hands in his fides, pronounced with the most imperious tone, ' Hark ye, Mr. Round Periwig, you must know that I am a moufquetaire.' Scarce had this awful word! escaped from his lips, when the blood forlook the lips of the poor challenger, who with the most abject submission ' begged pardon for his prefumption, and with difficulty obtained it, on condition that he should immediately quit the place. Having thus exercised his autho-

Fity, he turned to one of his companions, and with an air of disdainful ridicule, told him he was like to have had an affair with a Bourgeoise; adding, by way of heightening the irony, 'Egad! I be-

Our hero was so much shocked and irritated at this licentious behaviour, that he could not suppress his, resentment, which he manifested by faying to this Hector, 'Sir, a physician may be a man of honour.' To this remonstrance, which was delivered with a very fignificant countenance, the moufquetaire made no other reply, but that of echoing his affertion with a loud laugh, in which he was joined by his confederates. Peregrine, glowing with refentment, called him a fanfaron, and withdrew in expectation of being followed into the street. The other underflood the hint, and a rencounter must have enfued, had not the officer of the guard, who overheard what paffed, prevented their meeting, by putting the mousquetaire immediately under arrest. Our young gentleman waited at the door of the parterre, until he was in-formed of this interpolition, and then went home very much chagrined at his disappointment; for he was an utter firanger to fear and diffidence on those occasions, and had fet his heart upon chastizing the infolence of this bully, who had treated him with such disrespect.

This adventure was not fo private but that it reached the ears of Mr. Jolter, by the canal of some English gentlemen who were present when it happened; and the governor, who entertained a most dreadful idea of the mousquetaires, being alarmed at a quarrel, the confequence of which might be fatal to his charge, waited on the British ambassador, and begged he would take Peregrine under his immediate protection. His excellency having heard the circumstances of the dispute, sent one of his gentlemen to invite the youth to dinner; and after having affured him that he might depend upon his countenance and regard, represented the rashness and impetuosity of his conduct fo much to his conviction, that he promised to act more circumspectly for the future, and drop all thoughts of the moulquetaire from that

moment.

A few days after he had taken this laudable resolution, Pipes, who had

carried a billet to his miftress, informed him, that he had perceived a laced hat lying upon a marble flab in her apartment; and that when she came out of her own chamber to receive the letter, the appeared in manifest disorder.

From these hints of intelligence, our young gentleman suspected, or rather made no doubt of her infidelity; and being by this time well nigh cloyed with possession, was not forry to find that she had given him cause to renounce her correspondence. That he might there-fore detect her in the very breach of duty, and at the same time punish the gallant who had the prefumption to invade his territories, he concerted with himself a plan which was executed in this manner. During his next interview with his dulcinea, far from discovering the least fign of jealousy or discontent, he affected the appearance of extraordinary fondness; and after having spent the afternoon with the shew of uncommon fatisfaction, told her he was engaged in a party for Fountainbleau, and would set out from Paris that same evening; fo that he should not have the pleafure of feeing her again for some days.

The lady, who was very well verfed in the arts of her occupation, pretended to receive this piece of news with great affliction, and conjured him with such marks of real tenderness, to return as foon as possible to her longing arms, that he went away almost convinced of her sincerity. Determined, however, to prosecute his scheme, he actually departed from Paris with two or three gentlemen of his acquaintance, who had hired a remise for a jaunt to Versailles; and having accompanied them as far as the village of Passe, returned in the dusk

of the evening on foot.

He waited impatiently till midnight, and then arming himself with a case of pocket-pistols, and attended by trusty Tom with a cudgel in his hand, repaired to the lodgings of his suspected inamorata. Having given Pipes his cue, he knocked gently at the door, which was no fooner opened by the lacquey than he bolted in, before the fellow could recollect himself from the confufion occasioned by his unexpected appearance; and leaving Tom to guard the door, ordered the trembling valet to light him up stairs into his lady's apartment. The first object that presented itself to his view, when he en-

tered the anti-chamber, was a fword upon the table, which he immediately feized, exclaiming in a loud and menacing voice, that his mistress was false, and then in bed with another gallant, whom he would instantly put to death. This declaration, confirmed by many terrible oaths, he calculated for the hearing of his rival; who, understanding his fanguinary purpose, started up in great trepidation, and, naked as he was, dropped from the balcony into the ftreet, while Peregrine thundered at the door for admittance, and gueffing his delign, gave him an opportunity of making this precipitate retreat. Pipes, who stood centinel at the door, observing the fugitive descend, attacked him with his cudgel, and sweating him from one end of the fireet to the other, at last committed him to the guet, by whom he was conveyed to the officer on duty in a most disgraceful and deplorable condition.

The foldier, exasperated at the disgrace he had undergone, as well as at the outrageous infult of the English valet, whom he believed his master had tutored for that purpose, no sooner extricated himself from the opprobrious situation he had incurred, than breathing vengeance against the author of the affront, he came to Peregrine's apartment, and demanded satisfaction upon the ramparts, next morning before fun-rife. Our hero assured him, he would not fail to pay his respects to him at the time and place appointed; and foreseeing that he might be prevented from keeping this engagement by the officious care of his governor, who faw the moufquetaire come

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in, he told Mr. Jolter, that the Frenchman had visited him in consequence of an order he had received from his superiors, to make an apology for his rude behaviour to him in the playhouse, and that they had parted very good friends. This assurance, together with Pickle's tranquil and unconcerned behaviour through the day, quieted the terrors which had began to take possession of his tutor's imagination; so that the youth had an opportunity of giving him the slip at night, when he betook himself to the lodgings of a friend, whom he engaged as his second, and with whom he immediately took the field, in order to avoid the search which Jolter, upon missing him, might set on foot.

This was a necessary precaution; for as he did not appear at supper, and Pipes, who usually attended him in his excurfions, could give no account of his motions, the governor was dreadfully alarmed at his absence, and ordered his man to run in quest of his master to all the places which he used to frequent, while he himself went to the commissaire, and communicating his fuspicions, was accommodated with a party of the horseguards, who patroled round all the environs of the city, with a view of 'preventing the rencounter. Pipes might have directed them to the lady, by whose information they could have learned the name and lodgings of the moufquetaire, and if he had been apprehended, the duel would not have happened; but he did not chuse to run the risk of disobling his master, by intermeddling in the affair, and was moreover very desirous that the Frenchman should be humbled, for he never doubted that Peregrine was more than a match for any two men in France. In this confidence, therefore, he fought his master with great diligence, not with a view of disappointing his intention, but in order to attend him to the battle, that he might stand by him, and see justice done.

While this inquiry was carried on, our hero and his companion concealed themselves among some weeds that grew on the edge of the parapet, a few yards from the spot where he had agreed to meet the mousquetaire; and scarce had the morning rendered objects distinguishable, when they perceived their men advancing boldly to the place. Pere-

grine feeing them approach, fprung forard to the ground, that he might have the glory of anticipating his antagonist; and fwords being drawn, all four were engaged in a twinkling. Pickle's ea-gerness had well nigh cost him his life; for, without minding his footing, he flew directly to his opposite, and stumbling over a stone, was wounded on one fide of his head before he could recover his attitude. Far from being dispirited at this check, it served only to animate him the more; being endowed with uncommon agility, he retrieved his posture in a moment; and having parried a fecond thrust, returned the longe with fuch incredible speed, that the foldier had not time to resume his guard, but was immediately run through the bend of his right-arm; and the fword dropping out of his hand, our hero's victory was compleat.

Having dispatched his own business. and received the acknowledgment of his adversary; who with a look of infinite mortification observed, that his was the fortune of the day, he ran to part the feconds, just as the weapon was twifted out of his companion's hand; upon which he took his place; and in all likelihood an obstinate dispute would have enfued, had they not been interrupted by the guard, at fight of whom the two Frenchmen scampered off. Our young gentleman and his friend allowed themselves to be taken prisoners by the detachment which had been fent out for that purpole, and were carried before the magistrate; who having sharply reprimanded them for prefuming to act in contempt of the laws, fet them at liberty, in confideration of their being frangers, cautioning them at the same time to beware of such exploits for the fu-

When Peregrine returned to his own lodgings, Pipes feeing the blood trickling down upon his master's neckcloth and solitaire, gave evident tokens of surprize and concern; not for the confequences of the wound, which he did not fuppose dangerous, but for the glory of Old England, which he was afraid had fuffered in the engagement; for, he could not help faying, with an air of chagrin, as he followed the youth into his chamber, 'I do suppose as how you gave that lubberly Frenchman as good as he brought.'

CHAP. VII.

MR. JOLTER THREATENS TO LEAVE HIM ON ACCOUNT OF HIS MIS-CONDUCT, WHICH HE PROMISES TO RECTIFY; BUT HIS RESOLU-TION IS DEFEATED BY THE IM-PETUOSITY OF HIS PASSIONS. HE MEETS ACCIDENTALLY WITH MRS. HORNBECK, WHO ELOPES WITH HIM FROM HER HUSBAND, BUT IS RESTORED BY THE IN-TERPOSITION OF THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR.

HOUGH Mr. Jolter was extremely well pleafed at the fafety of his pupil, he could not forgive him for the terror and anxiety he had undergone on his account; and roundly told him, that notwithstanding the inclination and at-tachment he had to his person, he would immediately depart for England, if ever he should hear of his being involved in fuch another adventure; for it could not be expected that he would facrifice his own quiet, to an unrequited regard for one who seemed determined to keep him in continual uneafiness and apprehenfion.

To this declaration Pickle made anfwer, that Mr. Jolter, by this time, ought to be convinced of the attention he had always paid to his eafe and fatisfaction; fince he well knew that he had ever looked upon him in the light of a friend rather than as a counsellor or tutor; and defired his company in France, with a view of promoting his interest, not for any emolument he could expect from his instruction. This being the case, he was at liberty to confult his own inclinations, with regard to going or flaying; though he could not help owning himself obliged by the concern he expressed for his safety, and would endeavour, for his own sake, to avoid giving him any cause of diffur-bance in time to come.

No man was more capable of moratizing upon Peregrine's misconduct than himself; his reflections were extremely just and fagacious, and attended with no other disadvantage, but that of occurring too late. He projected a thousand salutary schemes of deport-ment; but, like other projectors, he never had interest enough with the ministry of his passions to bring any one of them to bear. He had in the heyday of his gallantry, received a letter from his friend Gauntlet, with a kind postscript from his charming Emilia; but it arrived at a very unseasonable juncture, when his imagination was ingroffed by conquests that more agreeably flattered his ambition; so that he could not find leifure and inclination, from that day to honour the correspondence which he himself had solicited. His vanity had by this time disapproved of the engagement he had contracted in the rawnels and inexperience of youth; fuggesting, that he was born to make fuch an important figure in life, as ought to raise his ideas above the confideration of any fuch middling connections, and fix his attention upon objects of the most sub-lime attraction. These dictates of ri-diculous pride had almost effaced the remembrance of his amiable miftress, or at least so far warped his morals and integrity, that he actually began to conceive hopes of her, altogether unworthy of his own character and her deserts.

Meanwhile, being destitute of a toy for the dalliance of his idle hours, he employed feveral spies, and almost every day made a tour of the publick places in person, with a view of procuring intel-ligence of Mr. Hornbeck, with whose wife he longed to have another interview. In this course of expectation had he exercifed himfelf a whole fortnight, when chancing to be at the hospital of the invalids with a gentleman lately arrived from England, he no fooner entered the church than he perceived this lady, attended by her spouse, who at light of our hero changed colour and looked another way, in order to discourage any communication between them. But the young man, who was not fo easily re-pulsed, advanced with great assurance to his fellow traveller, and taking him by the hand, expressed his fatisfaction at this unexpected meeting; kindly upbraiding him for his precipitate retreat from Chantilly. Before Hornbeck could make any reply, he went up to his wife, whom he complimented in the fame manner, affuring her with fome fignificant glances, he was extremely mortified that the had put it out of his power to pay his respects to her on his first arrival at Paris; and then turning to her husband, who thought proper to keep close to him in this conference, begged to know

where he could have the honour of waiting upon him; observing, at the same time, that he himself lived a l'academie de Palfrenier.

Mr. Hornbeck, without making any apology for his elopement on the road, thanked Mr. Pickle for his complaifance in a very cool and disobliging manner; saying, that as he intended to thift his lodgings in a day or two, he could not expect the pleasure of seeing him, until he should be settled, when he would call at the academy, and conduct him to his new habitation.

Pickle, who was not unacquainted with the fentiments of this jealous gentleman, did not put much confidence in his promise, and therefore made divers efforts to enjoy a little private conversation with his wife; but he was baffled in all his attempts by the indefatigable vigilance of her keeper, and reaped no other immediate pleasure from this accidental meeting, than that of a kind fqueeze while he handed her into the coach. However, as he had been witness to some instances of her invention, and was no stranger to the favourable disposition of her heart, he entertained fome faint hopes of profiting by her understanding, and was not deceived in his expectation; for the very next forenoon a Savoyard called at the academy, and put the following billet in his hand.

COIND SUR,

HEAVING the playfure of meating with you at the ofspital of anvilheads, I take this lubbertea of latin you know, that I lotch at the bottail de May cong dangle roug Doghouseten, with two postis at the gait, naytheir of um very hole, ware I shall be at the windore, if in kais you will be so good as to pass that way at sicks a cloak in the heavening, when Mr. Hornbeck goes to the Calfbay de Contea. Prey for the loaf of Geesus keep this from the nolegs of my husban, ells he will make me leed a hell upon urth. Being all from, deer Sur, your most umbell servan wile

DEBORAH HORNBECK.

Our young gentleman was ravished at the receipt of this elegant epittle, which

was directed, A Monfr Monfr Pickbell, a la Gaddanme de Paul Freny, and did not fail to obey the funmous at the hour of affignation; when the lady, true to her appointment, beckoned him up flairs, and he had the good fortune to

be admitted unseen.

After the first transports of their mutual joy at meeting, she told him, that her husband had been very furly and cross ever since the adventure at Chan-tilly, which he had not yet digested; that he had laid severe injunctions upon her to avoid all commerce with Pickle, and even threatened to shut her up in a convent for life, if ever the thould discover the least inclination to renew that acquaintance; that she had been cooped up in her chamber fince her arrival at Paris, without being permitted to fee the place, or indeed any company, ex-cept that of her landlady, whose language she did not understand; so that her spi-rit being broke, and her health impaired, he was prevailed upon some days ago to indulge her in a few airings, during which she had seen the gardens of the Luxembourg, the Thuilleries and Pa-lais Royal, though at those times when there was no company in the walks; and that it was in one of those excursions she had the happiness of meeting with him. Finally, the gave him to understand, that rather than continue longer in fuch confinement with the man whom the could not love, the would instantly give him the slip, and put her-felf under the protection of her lover.

Rash and unthinking as this declaration might be, the young gentleman was so much of a gallant, that he would not baulk the lady's inclinations, and too infatuated by his passion to foresee the consequences of such a dangerous step; he therefore, without hesitation, embraced the proposal, and the coast being clear, they sallied into the street, where Peregrine calling a fiacre, ordered the coachman to drive them to a tavern: but knowing it would not be in his power to conceal her from the search of the licutenant de police, if she should remain within the walls of Paris, he hired a remise, and carried her that same evening to Villejuis, about four leagues from town, where he staid with her all night; and having boarded her on a genteel pension, and settled the œconomy of his suture visits, returned next

day to his own lodgings.

While he thus enjoyed his success, her husband endured the tortures of the damned. When he returned from the coffee-house, and understood that his wise had eloped, without being perceived by any person in the family, he began to rave and foam with rage and jealously, and in the fury of distraction, accused the landlady of being an accomplice in her escape, threatening to complain of her to the commissione. The woman could not conceive how Mrs. Hornbeck, who she knew was an utter stranger to the French language, and kept no fort of company, could elude the caution of her husband, and find any refuge in a place where she had no acquaintance, and began to suspect the lodger's emotion was no other than an affected passion to conceal his own practices upon his wife, who had perhaps fallen a facrifice to his jealous disposition. She therefore spared him the trouble of putting his menaces in execution, by going to the magistrate without any farther deliberation, and giving an account of what she knew concerning this mysterious affair, with certain infinuations against Hornbeck's character, which she represented as peevish and capricious to the last degree.

While the thus anticipated the purpose of the plaintiff, her information was interrupted by the arrival of the party himself, who exhibited his complaint with sinch evident marks of perturbation, anger, and impatience, that the commissaire could easily perceive that he had no share in the disappearance of his wife; and directed him to the lieutenant de police, whose province it is to take cognizance of such occurrences. This gentleman, who presides over the city of Paris, having heard the particulars of Hornbeck's missfortune, asked if he suspected any individual person as the seducer of his yoke-fellow; and when he mentioned Percerine as the object of his suspicion, granted a warrant and a detachment of soldiers to search for and

retrieve the fugitive.

The husband conducted them immediately to the academy, where our hero lodged, and having rummaged the whole place, to the association of Mr. Joster, without finding either his wife or the supposed ravisher, accompanied them to all the publick-houses in the Fauxbourg; which having examined also without success, he returned to the magnificate in

a flate of delpair, and obtained a pro-mife of his making fuch an effectual inquiry, that in three days he should have an account of her, provided the was alive and within the walls of Paris.

Our adventurer, who had foreseen all this disturbance, was not at all surprized when his governor told him what had happened; and conjured him to restore the woman to the right owner, with many pathetick remonstrances touching the heinous sin of adultery, the distraction of the unfortunate husband, and the danger of incurring the refentment of an arbitrary government, which, upon ap-plication being made, would not fail of efpouring the cause of the injured. He denied, with great effrontery, that he had the least concern in the matter, pretended to refent the deportment of Hornbeck, whom he threatened to chaftife for his feandalous suspicion, and expressed his displeasure at the credulity of Joster, who seemed to doubt the veracity

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Notwithstanding this confident behaviour, Jolter could not help entertaining doubts of his fincerity; and vifiting the disconsolate swain, begged he would, for the honour of his country, as well as for the sake of his own reputation, discontinue his addresses to the lieutenant de police, and apply to the British amballador, who, by dint of friendly admonitions, would certainly prevail upon Mr. Pickle to do him all the justice in his power, if he was really the author of the injury he had fustained. The governor urged this advice with the ap-pearance of fo much fympathy and concern, promising to co-operate with all his influence in his behalf, that Hornbeck embraced the proposal, communicated his purpose to the magistrate, who commend ed the resolution as the most decent and defirable expedient he could use, and then waited upon his excellency, who readily espoused his cause, and sending for the young gentleman that fame evening, read him fuch a lecture in private, as extort-ed a confession of the whole affair. Not that he affailed him with four and supercilious maxims, or fevere rebuke, becase he had penetration enough to discern that Peregrine's disposition was impregnable to all fuch attacks; but he first of all rallied him upon his intriguing ge-nius; then, in an humorous manner, described the distraction of the poor cuckold, who he owned was juffly punished

for the absurdity of his conduct; and lastly, upon the supposition, that it would be no great effort in Pickle to part with such a conquest, especially after it had been for some time possessed, represented the necessity and expediency of reftoring her, not only out of regard to his own character, and that of his nation, but also with a view to his ease, which would in a little time be very much invaded by fuch an incumbrance, that in all probability would involve him in a thousand difficulties and disgusts. Befides, he affured him, that he was already, by order of the lieutenant de police, furrounded with spies, who would watch all his motions, and immediately discover the retreat in which he had disposed his prize. These arguments, and the frank familiar manner in which they were delivered, but, above all, the last confideration, induced the young gentleman to disclose the whole of his proceedings to the amballador, and promifed to be governed by his direction, provided the lady should not suffer for the step she had taken, but be received by her husband with due reverence and respect. These stipulations being agreed to, he undertook to produce her in eight and forty hours; and taking coach immediately, drove to the place of her refidence, where he spent a whole day and a night in convincing her of the impoffibility of their enjoying each other in that manner. Then returning to Paris, he delivered her into the hands of the ambaffador, who having affured her, that the might depend upon his friendship and protection, in case she should find herself aggreeved by the jealous temper of Mr. Hornbeck, restored her to her legitimate lord, whom he counselled to exempt her from that restraint, which in all probability had been the eause of her elopement, and endeavour to conciliate her affection by tender and respectful usage.

The hulband behaved with great hu-mility and compliance, protefting that his chief study should be to contrive parties for her pleasure and fatisfaction. But no fooner did he regain possession of his stray-sheep, than he locked her up more closely than ever; and after having revolved various schemes for her reformation, determined to board her in a convent, under the inspection of a prudent abbefs, who fhould superintend her morals, and recal her to the paths of

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virtue, which she had forfaken. With this view he consulted an English priest of his acquaintance, who advised him to settle her in a monastery at Lisle, that she might be as far as possible from the machinations of her lover; and gave him a letter of recommendation to the superior of a certain convent in that place, for which Mr. Hornbeck set out in a few days with his troublesome charge.

CHAP. VIII.

PEREGRINE RESOLVES TO RETURN
TO ENGLAND; IS DIVERTED
WITH THE ODD CHARACTERS
OF TWO OF HIS COUNTRYMEN,
WITH WHOM HE CONTRACTS AN
ACQUAINTANCE IN THE APARTMENTS OF THE PALAIS ROYAL.

N the mean time, our hero received a letter from his aunt, importing, that the commodore was in a very declining way, and longed much to fee him at the garrison; and at the same time he heard from his fifter, who gave him to understand that the young gentleman who had for some time made his addresses to her, was become very pressing in his folicitations; fo that she wanted to know in what manner she should anfwer his repeated intreaties. Those two confiderations determined the young gentleman to return to his native country; a resolution that was far from being difagreeable to Jolter, who knew that the incumbent on a living, which was in the gift of Trunnion, was extremely old, and that it would be his interest to be upon the spot at the said incumbent's decease.

Peregrine, who had resided about

Peregrine, who had refided about fifteen months in France, thought he was now fufficiently qualified for eclipfing most of his cotemporaries in England, and therefore prepared for his departure with infinite alacrity; being moreover inflamed with the most ardent desire of revisiting his friends, and renewing his connections, particularly with Emilia, whose heart he by this time thought he was able to reduce on his own terms.

As he proposed to make the tour of Flanders and Holland in his return to England, he resolved to stay in Paris a week or two after his affairs were settled, in hope of finding some agreeable com-

panion disposed for the same journey, and in order to refresh his memory, made a second circuit round all the places in that capital, where any curious production of art is to be feen. In the course of this second examination he chanced to enter the Palais Royal, just as two gentlemen alighted from a fiacre at the gate, and all three being admitted at the same time, he soon perceived that the strangers were of his own country. One of them was a young man, in whose air and countenance appeared all the un-couth gravity and supercisious self-conceit of a physician piping hot from his companion spoke by the appellation of Mr. Pallet, displayed, at first sight, a strange composition of levity and af-furance. Indeed, their characters, dress, and address, were strongly contrasted: the doctor wore a fuit of black, and a huge tie-wig, neither fuitable to his own age, nor the fashion of the country where he then lived; whereas the other, though feemingly turned of fifty, flrutted in a gay summer dress of the Parisian cut, with a bag to his own grey hair, and a red feather in his hat, which he carried under his arm. As these figures feemed to promife fomething entertain-ing, Pickle entered into conversation with them immediately, and soon difcovered that the old gentleman was a painter from London, who had stole a fortnight from his occupation, in order to visit the remarkable paintings of France and Flanders; and that the doctor had taken the opportunity of accom-panying him in his tour. Being extremely talkative, he not only communicated these particulars to our hero in a very few minutes after their meeting, but also took occasion to whisper in his ear, that his fellow-traveller was a man of vaft learning, and, beyond all doubt, the greatest poet of the age. As for himself, he was under no necessity of making his own culogium; for he foon gave such specimens of his tafte and talents, as left Pickle no room to doubt

of his capacity.

While they flood confidering the pictures in one of the first apartments, which are by no means the most masterly compositions, the Swifs, who sets up for a connoisseur, looking at a certain piece, pronounced the word 'Magnisque!' with a note of admiration; upon which Mr. Pallet, who was not at all a critick

in the French language, replied with great vivacity, ' Manufac, you mean, and a very indifferent piece of manufacture it is; pray, gentlemen, take notice, there is no keeping in those heads upon the back-ground nor no relief in the principal figure: then you'll observe the shadings are harsh to the last degree-and come a little closer this way-don't you perceive that the fore-shortening of that arm is monstrous-agad, Sir! there is an absolute fracture in the limb-Doctor. you understand anatomy; don't you think that muscle evidently misplaced? - Hark ye, Mr. What d'ye call um,' turning to the attendant, what is the name of the dauber who painted that miferable performance? The Swifs imagined that he was all this time expressing his satisfaction, sanctioned his supposed commendation, by exclaiming, fans prix! 'Right,' cried Pallet, 'I could not recollect his name, though his manner is quite familiar to me. We have a few pieces in England, done by that same Sangpree; but there they are in no estimation; we have more tafte among us, than to relish the productions of fuch a miserable gout.—A'n't he an ignorant cox-comb, doctor?' The physician, ashamed of his companion's blunder, thought it was necessary, for the honour of his own character, to take notice of it before the stranger, and therefore an-fwered his question, by repeating this line from Horace,

" Mutato nomine, de te fabula narratur."

The painter, who was rather more ignorant of Latin than of French, taking it for granted that this quotation of his friend conveyed an affent to his opinion, Very true, faid he, Potatoe domine date, this piece is not worth a fingle potatoe! Peregrine was altonished at this surprizing perversion of the words and meaning of a Latin line, which at first he could not help thinking was a premeditated joke; but upon second thoughts, he saw no reason to doubt that it was the extemporaneous effect of theer pertness and ignorance; at which he broke out into an immoderate sit of laughter. Pallet, believing that the gentleman's mirth was occasioned by his arch animadversion upon the work of Sangpree, underwent the same emotion

in a much louder strain, and endeavoured to heighten the jest by more observations of the same nature; while the doctor, confounded at his impudence and want of knowledge, reprimanded him in these words of Homer,

Siga me tis allos Achaion touton akoufe mu-

This rebuke, the reader will eafily perceive, was not calculated for the meridian of his friend's intellects, but uttered with a view of railing his own character in the opinion of Mr. Pickle, who retorted this parade of learning in three verses from the same author, being part of the speech of Polydamus to Hec tor, importing that it was impossible for one man to excel in every thing. The self-infficient physician, who did not expect fuch a repartee from a youth of Peregrine's appearance, looked upon his reply as a fair challenge, and in-stantly rehearsed forty or fifty lines of the Iliad in a breath. Observing that the stranger made no effort to match this effusion, he interpreted his silence into fubmiffion; then, in order to afcertain his victory, infulted him with divers fragments of authors, whom his fuppoled competitor did not even know by name; while Mr. Pallet stared with admiration at the profound scholarship of his companion. Our young gentleman, far from repining at this superiority, laughed within himself at the ridiculous ambition of the pedantick doctor. He rared him in his own mind as a mere index-hunter, who held the cel of science by the tail, and foresaw an infinite fund of diversion in his solemnity and pride, if properly extracted by means of his fellow-traveller's vanity and affurance. Prompted by these considerations, he resolved to cultivate their acquaintance; and, if possible, amuse him-felf at their expence in his journey through Flanders, understanding that they were determined upon the fame route. In this view he treated them with extraordinary attention, and feemed to pay particular deference to the remarks of the painter, who with great intrepidity pronounced judgment upon every picture in the palace; or, in other words, exposed his own nakedness in every sentence that proceeded from his

When they came to confider the Mur-

der of the Innocents by Le Brun, the mer or the Innocents by Le Brun, the swifs observed, that it was un beau morceau; and Mr. Pallet replied, 'Yes, jes, one may see with half an eye, that it can be the production of no other; for Bormoso's style, both in colouring and drapery, is altogether peculiar; then his design is tame, and his expression antick and more in the state of t his expression antick and unnatural. Doctor, you have seen my Judgment of Solomon; I think I may without presumption—but, I don't chuse to make comparisons; I leave that odious task to other people, and let my works speak for themselves. France, to be fore, is rich in the arts, but what is the reason? the king encourages men of genius with honour and rewards: whereas, in England, we are obliged to stand upon our own feet, and combat the envy and malice of our brethren. Agad! I have a good mind to come and fettle here in Paris; I should like to have an apartment in the Louvre, with a faug pention of formany thousand livres. In this manrotation of tongue, floundering from one militake to another, until it was the turn of Pouffin's Seven Sacraments to be examined. Here again the Swifs, out of the abundance of his zeal, expressed his admiration, by faying these pieces were impayable; when the painter turning to him with an air of exultation, Pardon me, friend, there you happen to be miftaken, thefe are none of Impayable's; but done by Nicholas Pou-England, so that none of your tricks npon travellers, Mr. Swifs or Swath, or what's your name! He was very much elated by this imaginary triumph of his understanding, which animated him to persevere in his curious observations upon all the other pieces of that celebrated collection; but perceiving that the dodor manifested no signs of sleafure and satisfaction, but rather beheld them with a filent air of diddain, he could not digest his indifference, and afked, with a waggish sneer, if ever he had feen fuch a number of matter-pieces before? The physician, eying him with a look of compassion mingled with con-tempt, observed that there was nothing there which deserved the attention of any person acquainted with the ideas of the ancients; and that the author of the finest piece now in being, was unworthy

to clean the brothes of one of thole great malters, who are celebrated by the Greek and Roman writers. 'O lud! O'lud! exclaimed the painter, with a loud laugh;
you have fairly brought yourfelf into
a dilemma at laft, dear doctor; for it
is well known that your ancient Greek
and Roman artiffs knew nothing at all of the matter, in comparison w our modern mafters; for this good reason, because they had but three or four colours, and knew not how to paint with oil: besides, which of all paint with oil: bendes, which of all your old fufty Grecians would you put upon a footing with the drvine Raphael, the most excellent Michael Angelo Bona Roti, the graceful Guido, the bewitching Titian, and above all others, the sublime Rubens; the—' He would have proceeded with a long catalogue of names, which he had got by heart for the purpole, without retaining the leaft idea of their feveral qualifications, had he not been in-terrupted by his friend, whose indignation being kindled by the irreverence with which he mentioned the Greeks, he called him blasphemer, Goth, Bezotian; and in his turn, asked with great vehemence, which of those puny moderns could match with Panænus of Athens, and his brother Phidias, Polycletus Sicyon, Polygnotus the Thrafian, Parrhafius of Ephelus, firnamed Abro-diaitos or the Beau, and Apelles the prince of painters? He challenged him to shew any portrait of these days that could vie with the Helen of Zeuxis the Heraclean, or any composition equal to the facrifice of Iphigenia, by Timanthes the Sicyonian; not to mention the twelve gods of Asclepiadorus the Athenian, for which Mnason, tyrant of Elatea, gave him about three hundred pounds a-piece; or Homer's Hell by Nicias, who refused fixty talents, amounting to upwards of eleven thousand pounds, and generously made a present of it to his own country. He desired him to pro-duce a collection equal to that in the temple of Delphos, mentioned in the Ion of Euripides; where Hercules and his companion Iolaus are represented in the act of killing the Lernzean hydra with golden fickles; kruseais barpais, where Bellerophon appears on his winged steed, vanquishing the fire-breathing chimera, tan puripheousan; and the war of the giants is described. Here Jupiter stands wielding the red-kot thunderbolts,

bolts. Keraunon amphipuron; there Pallas, dreadful to the view, Gorgopon, brandisheth her spear against the huge Enceladus; and Bacchus, with stender ivy rods, defeats and slays the gas teknow, or mighty son of earth. The painter was astonished and consounded at this rhapsody of names and instances, which was uttered with surprizing eagerness and rapidity; suspecting at first that the whole was the creation of his own brain; but when Pickle, with a view of statering the doctor's self-conceit, espoused his side of the question, and consistend the truth of every thing he advanced, Mr. Pallet changed his opinion, and in emphatick silence adored the immensity of his friend's understanding. In short, Peregrine easily perceived that they were false enthusiasts, without the smallest pretensions to taste and sensibility; and pretended to be in raptures with they knew not what; the one thinking it was incumbent upon him to express transports on seeing the works of those who had been most eminent in his profession, whether they did or did not really raise his admiration; and the other, as a scholar, deeming it his duty to magnify the ancients above all competition, with an affected fervour, which the knowledge of their excellencies never inspired. Indeed, our young gentleman so successfully accommodated himself to the dispositions of each, that long before their review was finished, he was become a particular favourite with both. From the Palais Royal he accompa-

From the Palais Royal he accompanied them to the cloifters of the Carthulians, where they confidered the hiftery of St. Bruno, by Le Sueur, whose name being utterly unknown to the painter, he gave judgment against the whole composition, as pitiful and paltry; though in the opinion of all good

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judges it is a most masterly performance. Having satisfied their curiosity in this place, Peregrine asked them to savour him with their company at dinner; but whether out of caution against the infinuations of one whose character they did not know, or by reason of a prior engagement, they declined his invitation, on pretence of having an appointment at a certain ordinary, though they expressed a desire of being farther acquainted with him; and Mr. Pallet took the freedom of asking his name; which he not only declared, but promised, as they were strangers in Paris, to wait

upon them next day in the forenoon, inorder to conduct them to the hotel de
Thoulouse, and the houses of several
other noblemen, remarkable for painting or curious furniture. They thankfully embraced his proposal; and that
same day made enquiry among the English gentlemen about the character of
our hero; which they found so much to
their satisfaction, that upon their second
meeting, they courted his good graces
without reserve; and as they had heard
of his intended departure, begged earnestly to have the honour of accompanying him through the Low Countries.
He assured them, that nothing could he
more agreeable to him, than the prospect of having such fellow-travellers;
and they immediately appointed a day
for setting,out on that tour.

CHAP. IX.

HE INTRODUCES HIS NEW FRIENDS
TO MR. JOLTEB, WITH WHOM
THE DOCTOR ENTERS INTO A
DISPUTE UPON GOVERNMENT,
WHICH HAD WELL NIGH TERMINATED IN OPEN WAR.

MEANWHILE, he not only made them acquainted with every thing worth feeing in town, but attended them in their excursions to all the king's houses within a day's journey of Paris; and in the course of these parties, treated them with an elegant dinner at his own apartments; where a diffuse arose between the doctor and Mr. Jolter, which had well nigh terminated in an irreconcileable animosity. These gentlemen, with an equal share of pride, pedantry, and faturnine disposition, were by the accidents of education and company, diametrically opposite in political maxims; the one, as we have already observed, being a bigotted high-churchman, and the other a rank republican. It was an article of the governor's creed, that the people could not be happy, nor the earth yield it's fruits in abundance, under a rettricted clergy and limited government : whereas, in the doctor's opinion, it was an eternal truth, that no constitution was so perfect as the democracy, and that no country could flourish but under the administration of the mob.

These considerations being premised,

no wonder that they happened to dif- men. The doctor, affronted at the inagree in the freedom of an unreferved conversation, especially as their entertainer took all opportunities of encouraging and enflaming the contention.

The first source of their difference was an unlucky remark of the painter, who observed that the partridge of which he was then eating had the finest relish of any he had ever tasted. His friend owned that the birds were the best of the kind he had feen in France; but affirmed, that they were neither fo plump nor delicious as those that were caught in England. The governor, confidering this observation as the effect of prejudice and inexperience, faid, with a farcastical smile, 'I believe, Sir, you are very well disposed to find every thing here inferior to the productions of your own country. '—' True, Sir,' aniwered the phyfician, with a certain folemnity of aspect, ' and not without good reason, I hope.' — 'And pray,' re-fumed the tutor, 'why may not the partridges of France be as good as those of England?' - For a very plain reason, replied the other, bes cause they are not so well fed. iron hand of oppression is extended to all animals within the French dominions, even to the beafts of the field and the fowls of the air. Kunefin oionoisi te pasi. - Egad! cried the painter, ' that is a truth not to be controverted: for my own part, I am none of your tit-bits, one would think, but yet there's a freshness in the Englith complexion, a ginfeekye, I think you call it, so inviting to a hungry Frenchman, that I have caught feveral in the very act of viewing me with an eye of extreme appetite, as I pailed; and as for their curs, or rather their wolves, whenever I fet my eyes on one of 'em, "Ah! your humble " fervant, Mr. Son of a Bitch!" I am upon my guard in an instant. doctor can testify that their very horses, or more properly their live carrion, that drew our chaile, used to reach · back their long necks, and fmell at us, as a couple of delicious morfels.' This fally of Mr. Pallet, which was received with a general laugh of approbation, would, in all probability, have Rifled the dispute in embryo, had not Mr. Jolter, with a felf-applauding fimper, ironically complimented the ftrangers on their talking like true English-

finuation, told him with fome warmth, that he was miltaken in his conjecture, his affections and ideas being confined to no particular country; for he confidered himself as a citizen of the world. He owned himself more attached to England than to any other kingdom, but this preference was the effect of reflection, and not of prejudice; because the British constitution approached nearer than any other to that perfection of government, the democracy of Athens, which he hoped one day to fee revived the mentioned the death of Charles the First, and the expulsion of his fon, with raptures of applause; inveighed with great acrimony against the kingly name; and in order to strengthen his opinion, repeated forty or fifty lines from one of the Philippicks of Demosthenes. Joster hearing him speak so disrespectfully of the higher powers, glowed with indig-nation. He faid his doctrines were detestable, and destructive of all right, order, and fociety; that monarchy was of Divine inflitution, therefore indefeafible by any human power; and of consequence those events in the English history which he had so liberally commended, were no other than flagrant instances of sacrilege, persidy, and se-dition; that the democracy of Athens was a most abfurd constitution, productive of anarchy and mischief, which must always happen when the government of a nation depends upon the caprice of the ignorant hair-brained vulgar; that it was in the power of the most profligate member of the commonwealth, provided he was endowed with eloquence, to ruin the molt deserving, by a desperate exertion of his talents upon the populace, who had been often persuaded to act in the most ungrateful and imprudent manner, against the greatest patriots that their country had produced: and finally, he averred, that the liberal arts and fciences had never flourished so much in a republick, as under the encouragement and protection of absolute power; witness the Augustan age, and the reign of Lewis the Fourteenth; nor was it to be supposed, that genius and merit could ever be fo amply recompensed by the individuals, or distracted councils of a commonwealth, as by the generofity and magnificence of one, who had the whole treasures at his own command. Peregrine Pergerine, who was pleafed to find the contest grow warm, observed that there seemed to be a good deal of truth in what Mr. John advanced; and the painter, whose opinion began to waver, looked with a face of expectation at his friend, who modelling his features into an expression of exulting distain, asked of his meagonist, if he did not think that very power of rewarding ment, enabled an absolute prince to indulge himself in the most arbitrary licence oven the lives and fortunes of his people. Before the governor had time to answer this question, Pallet broke forth into an exclamation of, ' By the Lord! that is certainly fact; egud! that was Jolter chastifug this shallow intruder with a contemptuous look, affirmed, that though supreme power furnished a good prince with the means of exerting his virtues, it would not support a tyrant in the exercise of cruelty and oppresfron; because in all nations the genius of the people must be consulted by their governors, and the burden proportioned to the floulders on which it is laid. Blfe, what follows?' faid the physician. 'The consequence is plain,' replied the governor; infurrection, reis not to be supposed that the subjects of any nation would be fo abject and pufillanimous, as to negled the means which Heaven hath put in their power for their own preservation. - Gad-zooks! you're in the right, Sir,' cried Pallet; that, I grant you, must be confelled. Doctor, I'm afraid we have got into the wrong box. This fon of Prean, however, far from being of his friend's opinion, observed, with an air of triumph, that he would not only demonstrate the fophistry of the gentleman's last allegation, by argument and facts, but even confute him with his own words. Jolter's eyes kindling at this prefumptuous declaration, he told his antagonist, while his lip quivered with resentment, that if his arguments were no better than his breeding, he was fure he would make very few converts to his opinion: and the doctor, with all the insolence of triumph, advised him to beware of disputes for the future, until he should have made himself more master of his subject.

Peregrine both wished and hoped to fee the disputants proceed to arguments

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of more weight and conviction; and the painter, dreading the fame iffue, interposed with the usual exclamation of for God's fake, gentlemen I when the governor role from table in great dudgeon, and left the room, muttering some ejaculation, of which the word cox-comb only could be diffinelly heard. The physician being thus left master of the field of battle, was complimented on his victory by Peregrine; and fo elevated by his firecess, that he declaimed a full hour on the abfurdity of Jolter's propolition; and the beauty of the democratick administration; canvaffed the whole scheme of Plato's republick, with many quotations from that ideal author, touching the re sales; from thence he made a transition to the moral tense of Shaftelbury, and concluded his harangue with the greatest part of that frothy writer's rhapfody, which he repeated with all the violence of enthufiathick agitation; to the unipeakable fatisfaction of his entertainer, and the unutterable admiration of Pallet, who looked upon him as fomething supernatural and divine. So intoxicated was this vain young man with the ironical praises of Pickle, that he forthwith shook off all referve; and having profelled a friendship for our hero, whole tafte and learning he did not fail to extol, intimated in plain terms, that he was the only person in these latter ages, who possessed that sublime genius, that portion of the divinity or Ti Theion, which immortalized the Grecian Poets; that as Pythagoras affirmed the spirit of Euphorbus had transmigrated into his body, he, the doctor, was strangely poffessed with the opinion that he himself was inspired by the soul of Pindar; because, making allowance for the difference of languages in which they wrote, there was a furprizing affinity between his own works and those of that celebrated Theban; and as a con-firmation of this truth, he immediately produced a fample of each, which though in spirit and versification as different as the Odes of Horace and our present poet-laureat, Peregrine did not scruple to pronounce altogether congenial; not-withstanding the violence he by this sentence offered to his own conscience, and a certain alarm of his pride, that was weak enough to be diffurbed by the phyfician's ridiculous vanity and prefumption, which, not contented with displaying his importance in the world of taste and polite literature, manifested itself in arrogating certain material discoveries in the province of physick, which could not fail to advance him to the highest pinnacle of that profession, considering the recommendation of his other talents, together with a liberal fortune which he inherited from his father.

CHAP. X.

THE DOCTOR PREPARES AN EN-TERTAINMENT IN THE MANNER OF THE ANCIENTS, WHICH IS ATTENDED WITH DIVERS RIDI-CULOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

I N a word, our young gentleman, by his infinuating behaviour, acquired the full confidence of the doctor, who invited him to an entertainment, which he intended to prepare in the manner of the ancients. Pickle, struck with this idea, eagerly embraced the proposal, which he honoured with many encomiums, as a plan in all respects worthy of his genius and apprehension; and the day was appointed at some distance of time, that the treater might have leifure to compose certain pickles and confections which were not to be found among the culinary preparations of these degenerate days.

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With a view of rendering the physician's taste more conspicuous, and extracting from it the more diversion, Peregrine proposed that some foreigners should partake of the banquet; and the task being left to his care and discretion, he actually bespoke the company of a French marquis, an Italian count, and a German baron; whom he knew to be egregious coxcombs, and therefore more likely to enhance the joy of

the entertainment.

Accordingly, the hour being arrived, he conducted them to the hotel where the physician lodged, after having regaled their expectations with an elegant meal in the genuine old Roman take; and they were received by Mr. Pallet, who did the honours of the house, while his friend superintended the cook below. By this communicative painter, the guests understood that the doctor had met with numerous difficulties in the execution of his design; that no fewer than five cooks had been dismissioned.

ed, because they could not prevail upon their own consciences to obey his directions in things that were contrary to the present practice of their art; and that although he had at last engaged a perfon, by an extraordinary premium, to comply with his orders, the fellow was to assonished, mortified, and incensed, at the commands he had received, that his hair stood on end, and he begged on his knees to be released from the agreement he had made: but sinding that his employer insisted upon the performance of his contract, and threatened to introduce him to the commissiare if he should slinch from the bargain, he had, in the discharge of his office, wept, fung, cursed, and capered, for two whole hours without intermission.

While the company liftened to this odd information, by which they were prepoffesied with strange notions of the dinner, their cars were invaded by a piteous voice, that exclaimed in French, For the love of God ! dear Sir! for the passion of Jesus Christ ! spare me the mortification of the honey and oil!' Their ears still vibrated with the found, when the doctor entering, was by Peregrine made acquainted with the strangers; to whom he, in the transports of his wrath, could not help complaining of the want of complaifance he had found in the Parifian vulgar, by which his plan had been almost entirely ruined and fet afide. The French marquis, who though the honour of his nation was concerned at this declaration, professed his forrow for what had happened, so contrary to the established character of the people, and undertook to fee the delinquents severely punished, provided he could be informed of their names or places of abode. The mutual compliments that paffed on this occasion were scare finished, when a servant coming into the room, announced dinner; and the entertainer led the way into another apartment, where they found a long table, or rather two boards joined together, and furnished with a variety of dishes, the steams of which had such evident effect upon the nerves of the company, that the marquis made frightful grimaces, under pretence of taking fouif; the Italian's eyes watered, the German's vilage underwent several differtions of features ; our hero found means to exclude the odour from his tense of smelling, by breathing only

through his mouth; and the poor painter running into another room, plugged his nostrils with tobacco. The doctor himself, who was the only person then present whose organs were not discomposed, pointing to a couple of couches placed on each fide the table, told his guests that he was forry he could not procure the exact triclinia of the ancients, which were somewhat different from these conveniencies, and defired they would have the goodness to repose themselves without ceremony, each in his respective couchette, while he and his friend Mr. Pallet would place themselves upright at the ends, that they might have the pleasure of serving those that lay along. This disposition, of which the strangers had no previous idea, disconcerted and perplexed them in a most ridiculous manner; the marquis and baron stood bowing to each other, on pretence of disputing the lower feat, but in reality, with a view of profiting by the example of one another, for neither of them understood the manner in which they were to loll; and Peregrine, who enjoyed their confusion, handed the count to the other fide, where, with the most mischievous politeness, he insisted upon his taking posfession of the upper place.

In this disagreeable and ludicrous fuspense, they continued acting a pantomime of gesticulations, until the doctor earnestly intreated them to wave all compliment and form, left the dinner should be spoiled before the ceremonial could be adjusted. Thus conjured, Peregrine took the lower couch on the left-hand fide, laying himself gently down, with his face towards the table. The marquis, in imitation of this pattern (though he would have much rather fasted three days than run the risk of discomposing his dress by such an attitude) stretched himself upon the oppolite place, reclining upon his elbow in a most painful and aukward fituation, with his head raifed above the end of the couch, that the œconomy of his hair might not fuffer by the projection of his body. The Italian, ing a thin limber creature, planted himfelf next to Pickle, without fustaining any misfortune, but that of his flocking being torn by a ragged nail of the feat, as he raised his legs on a level with the rest of his limbs. But the baron, who was neither fo wieldy nor

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fupple in his joints as his companions, flounced himfelf down with such precipitation, that his feet suddenly tilting up, came in surious contact with the head of the marquis, and demolished every curl in a twinkling, while his own skull, at the same instant, descended upon the side of his couch with such violence, that his periwig was struck off, and the whole room filled with pulvillo.

The drollery of diffress that attended this disafter entirely vanquished the affected gravity of our young gentleman, who was obliged to suppress his laughter by cramming his handkerchief in his mouth; for the bare-headed German asking pardon with such ridiculous confusion, and the marquis admitting his apology with such rueful complaisance, were sufficient to awake the mirth of a miestiff.

quietift. This misfortune being repaired as well as the circumstances of the occasion would permit, and every one fettled according to the arrangement already de-fcribed, the doctor graciously undertook to give some account of the dishes as they occurred, that the company might be directed in their choice; and with an air of infinite fatisfaction thus began. This here, gentlemen, is a boiled goofe, ferved up in a fauce composed of pepper, lovage, coriander, mint, rue, anchovies, and oil! I wish for your fakes, gentlemen, it was one of the geefe of Ferrara, so much celebrated among the ancients for the magnitude of their livers, one of which is faid to have weighed upwards of two pounds; with this food, exquisite as it was, did the tyrant Heliogabalus regale his hounds. But I beg pardon, I had almost forgot the four, which I hear is so necessary an article at all tables in France. At each end there are dishes of the salacacabia of the Romans; one is made of parfley, penny-' royal, cheese, pine-tops, honey, vinegar, brine, eggs, cucumbers, onions, and hen livers; the other is much the fame as the foup-maigre of this country. Then there is a loin of veal boiled with fennel and caraway-feed, on a pottage compoted of pickle, oil, honey, and flour, and a curious bachis of the lights, liver and blood of an hare, together with a dish of roasted pigeous .- Monsieur le Baron, shall I help you to a plate of this foup?' The

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German, who did not at all disapprove of the ingredients, affented to the propotal, and feemed to relife the compo-lition; while the marquis, being asked by the painter which of the filly-rickabys the choic, was in consequence of his de-five accommodated with a portion of the Toupe-maigre; and the count, in liquiof spoon ment, of which he faid he was no great admirer, supplied himself with a pigeon, therein conforming to the choice of our young gentleman, whose example he determined to follow through the whole course of the entertainment.

The Frenchman having swallowed the first spoonful, made a full pause; his throat fwelled, as if an egg had fluck in his gullet, his eyes rolled, and his mouth underwent a feries of involuntary confirstions and dilatations. Pallet, who looked fledfaftly at this connoiffeur, with a view of confulting his tafte, before he himfelf would venture upon the foup, began to be diffurbed at these emotions, and observed with some concern, that the poor gentleman feemed to be going into a fit; when Peregrine affored him, that these were symptoms of extacy, and for farther confirmation, afked the marquis how he found the found. It was with infinite difficulty that his complaifance could fo far mafter his disguit, as to enable him to antwer, Altogether excellent, upon my hoon nour!' And the painter being certified of his approbation, lifted the spoon to his mouth without fcruple; but far from justifying the eulogium of his tafter, when this p ecious composition diffused ittelf upon his palate, he seemed to be deprived of all sense and motion, and sat like the leaden flatue of some river god, with the liquor flowing out at both fides of his mouth.

The doctor, alarmed at this indecent phenomenon, earnestly enquired into the cause of it; and when Pallet recovered his recollection, and swore that he would rather swallow porridge made of burning brimitone, than fuch an infernal mess as that which he had tasted; the physician, in his own vindication, affured the company, that, except the ufual ingredients, he had mixed nothing in the foup but fome fal armoniac inflead of the ancient nitrum, which could not now be procured; and appealed to the marquis, whether fuch a fuccedaneum was not an improvement on the whole. him for his irreverent exclamation with The unfortunate petit-maitre, driven to a fevere look, and recommended the

the extremity of his condescention, atschowledged it to be a masterly refine-ment; and deeming himself obliged, in point of honour, to evince his fentiments by his practice, forced a few more mouthfuls of this diffgreeable potion down his threat, till his fromach was to much offended, that he was compelled to sta up of a fudden; and, in the harry of this elevation, overturned his plate int the bosom of the baron. ency of his occasions would not permit him to flay and make apologies for this abrupt behaviour; so that he flew into another apartment, where Pickle found him puking, and croffing himfelf with great devotion; and a chair, at his de-ire, being brought to the door, he flipped into it more dead than alive, conjuring his friend Pickle to make his peace with the company, and in particular excuse him to the baron, on account of the violent fit of illness with which he had been feized. It was not without reason that be employed a mediator; for when our hero returned to the dining-room, the German got up, and was under the hands of his own lacquey, who wiped the greafe from a rich embroidered waistcoat, while he, almost frantick with his misfortune, stamped upon the ground, and in High Dutch curfed the unlucky banquet, and the impertinent entertainer, who all this time, with great deliberation, confoled him for the difafter, by affuring him, that the damage might be repaired with some oil of turpentine and a hot iron. Peregrine, who could fearce refrain from laughing in his face, appealed his indignation, by telling him how much the whole company, and especi-ally the marquis, was mortified at the accident; and the unhappy salacaeabia being removed, the places were filled with two pies, one of dormice liquored with fyrup of white poppies, which the doctor had substituted in the room of toafted poppy-feed, formerly eaten with honey, as a defert; and the other compaled of a hock of pork baked in honey.

Pallet hearing the first of these dishes described, lifted up his hands and eyes, and with figns of loathing and amazement pronounced, "A pye made of dormice and fyrup of poppies; Lord in heaven! what beattly fellows those Romans were!' His friend checked

real, of which he himfelf chearfully eat, th fuch encomiums to the company, that the baron resolved to imitate his example, after having called for a humper of Burgundy, which the physician, for his cake, wished to have been the true wine of Falernum. The painter seeing nothing else upon the table which he would wenture to touch, made a merit of necessity, and had recourse to the veal alfo; although he could not help faying, that he would not give one flice of the roaft-beef of Old England for all the dainties of a Roman emperor's table. But all the doctor's invitations and affurances could not prevail upon his guests to honour the hachis and the goose; and that course was succeeded another, in which he told them were divers of those dishes, which among the ancients had obtained the appellation of politeles, or magnificent. That which fmoaks in the middle, faid he, is a Cows's flomach, filled with a compofition of minced pork, hog's brains, eggs, pepper, cloves, garlick, annifeed, rue, ginger, oil, wine, and pickle. On the right-hand fide are the teats and belly of a fow, just farrowed, fried with fweet wine, oil, flour, lovage,
and pepper. On the left is a fricaffee
of finals, fed, or rather purged, with
milk. At that end next Mr. Pallet are fritters of pompions, lovage, ori-ganum, and oil; and here are a couple of pullets, roafted and stuffed in the manner of Applelus.

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The painter, who had by wry faces testified his abhorrence of the fow's stomach, which he compared to a bagpipe, and the fnails which had undergone purgation, no fooner heard him mention the roafted pullets, than he eagerly folicited a wing of the fowl; upon which the doctor defired he would take the trouble of cutting them up, and accordingly fent them round, while Mr. Pallet tuck ed the table cloth under his chin, and brandished his knife and fork with fingular address; but scarce were they set down before him, when the tears can down his cheeks, and he called aloud, in a manifest disorder, 'Z-ds! this is the effence of a whole bed of gar-' lick !' That he might not, however, disappoint or disgrace the entertainer, he applied his instruments to one of the birds; and when he opened up the ca-vity, was affaulted by fuch an irruption of intolerable smells, that, without stay-

ing to difengage himself from the clothhe sprung away, with an exclamation of, 'Lord Jesus!' and involved the whole table in havock, suin, and confusion.

Before Pickle could accomplish his escape, he was fauced with a syrup of the dormouse-pye, which went to pieces in the general wreck; and as for the Italian count, he was overwhelmed by the sow's stomach, which bursting in the fall, discharged it's contents upon his leg and thigh, and scalded him so miserably, that he thricked with anguish, and grinned with a most ghastly and horrible aspect.

The baron, who fat secure without the vortex of this tumult, was not at all displeased at seeing his companion involved in fuch a calamity as that which he had already shared; but the doctor was confounded with shame and vexation. After having prescribed an application of oil to the count's leg, he ex-pressed his forcow for the misadventure, which he openly ascribed to want of tall and prudence in the painter, who did not think proper to return, and make an apology in person; and protested that there was nothing in the fowls which could give offence to a fentible nose, the stuffing being a mixture of pepper, lovage, and alia foetida, and the fauce confifting of wine and herringpickle, which he had used inflead of the celebrated garum of the Romans; that famous pickle having been prepared fometimes of the fcombri, which were a fort of tunny-fish, and sometimes of the filurus, or fhad-fish: nay, he observed that there was a third kind, called garum hamation, made of the guts, gills, and blood of the thynnus.

The physician, finding it would be impracticable to re-establish the order of the banquer, by presenting again the dishes which had been discomposed, ordered every thing to be removed, a clema cloth to be laid, and the desert to be brought in

Meanwhile, he regretted his incapacity to give them a specimen of the alieus, or fish meals of the ancients, such as the jus diabaton, the conger-rel, which, in Galen's opinion, is hard of digestion; the cornutta, or gurnard, described by Pliny in his Natural History, who says, the horns of many of them were a foot and a half in length; the muliet and lamprey, that were in the highest estimation of old; of which last Julius Caefar borrowed fix thousand for one trium-phal supper. He observed, that the manner of dreffing them was described by Horace, in the account he gives of the entertainment to which Macenas was invited by the epicure Nafiedenus.

· Affertur Squillas inter Murena natantes,

And told them, that they were commonly eaten with the thus fyriacum, a certain anodyne and aftringent feed, which qualified the purgative nature of the fish. Finally, this learned physician gave them to understand, that though this was reckoned a luxurious dish in the zenith of the Roman tafte, it was by no means comparable, in point of expence, to some preparations in vogue about the time of that abfurd voluptuary Heliogabalus, who ordered the brains of fix hundred offriches to be compounded in one mess.

By this time the defert appeared, and the company were not a little rejoiced to see plain olives in falt and water: but what the mafter of the feast valued himfelf upon, was a fort of jelly, which he affirmed to be preferable to the hypo-trimma of Hefychius, being a mixture of vinegar, pickle, and honey, boiled to a proper confiltence, and candied affafœtida, which he afferted, in contradiction to Aumulbergius and Lifter, was no other than the lafer Syriacum, fo precious, as to be fold among the ancients to the weight of a filver-penny. The gentlemen took his word for the excel-lency of this gum, but contented themsclves with the olives, which gave such an agreeable relish to the wine, that they feemed very well disposed to console themselves for the disgraces they had endured; and Pickle, unwilling to lofe the least circumstance of entertainment that could be enjoyed in their company, went in quest of the painter, who remained in his penitentials in another apartment, and could not be perfuaded to re-enter the banqueting-room until Peregrine undertook to procure his pardon from those whom he had injured. Having affured him of this indulgence, our-young gentleman led him in like a criminal, bowing on all hands with an air of humility and contrition; and particularly addreffing himself to the count, to whom he fwore in English, as God was his Saviour, he had no intent to affront man, woman, or child; but was fain to make

to make the best of his way, that he might not give the honourable company cause of offence, by obeying the dictates

of nature in their presence.

When Pickle interpreted this apology to the Italian, Pallet was forgiven in very polite terms, and even received into favour by his friend the doctor, in consequence of our hero's intercession: so that all the guefts forgot their chagrin, and paid their respects to piously to the bottle, that in a fhort time the Champaigne produced very evident effects in the behaviour of all present.

CHAP. XI.

THE PAINTER IS PERSUADED TO ACCOMPANY PICKLE TO A MAS-QUERADE IN WOMAN'S APPA-REL; IS ENGAGED IN A TROU-BLESOME ADVENTURE, AND WITH HIS COMPANION CONVEY-ED TO THE BASTILE.

HE painter, at the request of Pickle, who had a defign upon the count's sense of hearing, favoured the company with the fong of Bumper Squire Jones, which yielded infinite fatisfaction to the baron; but affected the delicate ears of the Italian in fuch 'a manner, that his features expressed astonishment and disquiet; and by his sudden and repeated journies to the door, it plainly appeared, that he was in the fame predicament with those who, as Shakespeare observes, when the bagpipe fings in the nofe, cannot contain their urine for affection.

With a view, therefore, of vindicating musick from such a barbarous taste, Mr. Pallet had no fooner performed his task, than the count honoured his friends with some favourite airs of his own country, which he warbled with infinite grace and expression, though they had not energy sufficient to engage the attention of the German, who fell fast asleep upon his couch, and snored so loud, as to interrupt and totally annul this ravishing entertainment; fo that they were fain to have recourse again to the glass, which made such innovation upon the brain of the physician, that he fung divers odes of Anacreon to a tune of his own composing, and held forth upon the musick and recitative of the ancients with great erudition; while Pallet, Pallet, having found means to make the Italian acquainted with the nature of his profession, harangued upon painting with wonderful volubility, in a language which (it was well for his own credit) the stranger did not understand.

At length the doctor was feized with fuch a qualm, that he begged Peregrine to lead him to his chamber; and the baron being waked, retired with the

Peregrine being rendered frolicksome with the wine he had drank, proposed that he and Pallet should go to a masquerade, which he recollected was to be given that night. The painter did not want curiolity and inclination to accompany him, but expressed his apprehen-sion of losing him in the ball; an accident which could not fail to be very difagreeable, as he was an utter ftranger to the language and the town. obviate this objection, the landlady, who was of their council, advised him to appear in a woman's dreis, which would lay his companion under the necessity of attending him with more care, as he could not with decency detach himself from the lady whom he should introduce; besides, such a supposed connection would hinder the ladies of pleafure from accosting, and employing their feducing arts upon a person already engaged.

Our young gentleman, foreseeing abundance of diversion in the execution of this project, seconded the proposal with such importunity and address, that the painter allowed himself to be habited in a fuit belonging to the landlady, who also procured for him a mask of domino, while Pickle provided himself with a spanish dress. In this disguise, which they put on about eleven o'clock, did they, attended by Pipes, fet out in a fiacre for the ball-room, into which Pickle led this supposititious female, to the astonishment of the whole company, who had never feen fuch an uncouth figure in the appearance of a woman.

After they had taken a full view of all the remarkable masques, and the painter had been treated with a glass of liquor, his mischievous companion gave him the flip, and vanishing in an instant, returned with another mask and a domino over his habit, that he might enjoy Pallet's perplexity, and be at hand to protect him from infult.

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The poor painter having lost his

guide, was almost distracted with anxiety, and stalked about the room, in. quest of him, with such huge strides and oddity of gesture, that he was followed by a whole multitude, who gazed at him as a preternatural phenomenon. This. attendance increased his uneafiness to fuch a degree, that he could not belpi uttering a foliloquy aloud, in which he curfed his fate for having depended upon the promise of such a wag; and swore, that if once he was clear of this. fcrape, he would not bring himfelf into fuch a premunire again for the whole

kingdom of France.

Divers petit-maitres understanding the masque was a foreigner, who, in all probability could not speak French, made up to him in their turns, in order to display their wit and address, and teized him with feveral arch questions, to which he made no other answer than, No parly Francy. Damn your chat-' ye?' Among the masques was a nobleman, who began to be very free with the fupposed lady, and attempted to plunge his hand into her bosom: but the pain ter was too modelt to suffer such indecent treatment; and when the gallant repeated his efforts in a manner still more indelicate, lent him fuch a box on the ear, as made the lights dance before him, and created fuch a suspicion of Pallet's fex, that the Frenchman fwore he was either a male or hermaphrodite, and infifted upon a ferutiny. for the fake of his own honour, with fuch obstinacy of refentment, that the fictitious nymph was in imminent danger, not only of being exposed, but also of undergoing fevere chaftifement, for having made fo free with the prince's ear; when Peregrine, who faw and over-heard every thing that passed, thought it was high time to interpole; and accordingly, afferted his pretentions to the infulted lady, who was overjoyed

at this proof of his protection.

The affronted gallant persevered in demanding to know who she was, and our hero as strenuously refused to give him that fatisfaction; fo that high words enfueds, and the prince threatening to punish his insolence, the young gentleman, who was not supposed so know his quality, pointed to the place where his own fword used to hang, and fnapping his finger's in his face, laid hold on the painter's arm, and led him

ter part of the room, leaving his lift to the meditations of his own

Palet having chid his conductor for his barbarous defection, made him acainted with the difficulty in which he d been involved, and flatly telling him, he would not put it in his power to give him the slip again, held fast by his area doing the remaining part of the chtertainment, to the no small diverfion of the company, whose attention was altogether engroffed in the contemplation of such an aukward, ungainly, stalking apparition. At last, Pickle being fired of exhibiting this raree-shew. complied with the repeated defires of his companion, and handed her into the coach; which he himfelf had no fooner ared, then they were furrounded by a file of multipleteers, commanded by an exempt, who ordering the coach-door to be be opened, took his place with great deliberation, while one of his detachment mounted the box, in order to direct the driver.

Peregrine at once conceived the meaning of this arrest, and it was well for to fland upon his defence; for fuch was the imperiodity and raffiness of his temper, that had he been armed, he would ave run all rifks rather than furrender himself to any odds whatever; but Pallet imagining that the officer was fonce gentleman who had mittaken their carringe for his own, defired his friend to undeceive the franger, and when he was informed of the real state of their condition, his knees began to shake, his teeth to chatter, and he attered a most doleful lamentation, importing his fear of being carried to fome hideous dungeon of the Bakile, where he should pend the reft of his days in mifery and horror, and never fee the light of God's fun, nor the face of a friend; but perifh n a foreign land, far removed from his family and connections. Pickle damned him for his pufiltanimity, and the exempt hearing a lady bemoaning herfelf fo piteoutly, expressed his mortification at being the infrument of giving her such pain, and endeavoured to confole them, by representing the lenity of the French government, and the fingular generofity of the prince, by whose order they were Peregrine, whose discretion seemed to

forfake him on all fuch occasions, ex-

claimed with great bitterness against the arbitrary administration of France, and investigated with many expressions of contempt against the character of the offended prince, whose resemment, far from being noble, he said, was pitiful, tangenerous, and unjust. To this remonstrance the officer made no reply, but fhrugged up his flioutdere in filent attonishment at the bardies of the pri foner, and the fiacre was just on the point of fetting out, when they heard the noise of a scusse at the back of the coach, and the voice of Tom Pipes, pronouncing, 'Fil be damn'd if I do!'
This trufty attendant had been defired
by one of the guard to defeend from his flation in the rear, but as he resolved to thare his mafter's fate, he took no notice of their intreaties, until they were seconded by force; and that he endeavoured to repel with his heel, which he applied with fuch energy to the jaws of the foldier who first came in contact with him, that they emitted a crashing found like a dried walnut between the grinders of a templar in the pit. Exasperated at this outrage, the other faluted Tom's potteriors with his bayonet, which incommoded him fo much, that he could no longer keep his post, but, leaping upon the ground, gave his antagonist a chuck under the chin, and laid him upon his back, and then kipping over him with infinite agility, ab-founded among the crowd of coaches, till he faw the guard mount before and behind upon his malter's facre, which no looner let forward than he followed at a small distance, to reconnoitre the place where Peregrine should be con-

After having proceeded flowly through many windings and turnings to a part of Paris, in which Pipes was an utter ftranger, the coach stopped at a great gate, with a wicket in the middle, which being opened at the approach of the carriage, the prifoners were admitted, and the guard returning with the fiacre, Tom determined to watch in that place all night, that in the morning he might make such observations as might be con-ducive to the enlargement of his master.

CHAP. XII.

BY THE FIDELITY OF PIPES, JOL-TER IS INFORMED OF HIS PU- PIL'S FATE. CONFERS WITH THE PHYSICIAN. APPLIES TO THE AMBASSADOR, WHO WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY OBTAINS THE DIS-CHARGE OF THE PRISONERS, ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

HIS plan he executed notwith-A standing the pain of his wound, and the questions of the city guard both horse and foot, to which he could make no other answer than, 'Anglois, Anglois!' and as foon as it was light, taking an accurate furvey of the castle (for such it feemed to be) into which Peregrine and Pallet had been conveyed, together with it's fituation in respect to the river, he went home to the lodgings; and waking Mr. Jolter, gave him an account of the adventure. The governor wrung his hands in the utmost grief and consternation, when he heard this unfortunate piece of news; he did not doubt that his pupil was imprisoned in the Bastile for life; and in the anguish of his apprehension, curled the day on which he had undertaken to superintend the conduct of fuch an imprudent young man, who had by reiterated infulis provoked the vengeance of fuch a mild That he forbearing administration: might not, however, neglect any means in his power to extricate him from his prefent misfortune, he disparched Thomas to the doctor, with an account of his companion's fate, that they might join their interest in behalf of the captives; and the physician being informed of what had happened, immediately dreffed himfelf, and repaired to Jolter, whom he accosted in these words. ' Now, Sir, I hope you are convinced of your error, in afferting that oppression can never be the effect of arbitrary power. Such a calamity as this could never have ' happened under the Athenian democracy: nay, even when the tyrant Pissiratus got possession of that com-monwealth, he durk not venture to rule with such absolute and unjust dominion. You shall see now that Mr. Pickle and my friend Pallet will fall a facrifice to the tyranny of lawless power; and in my opinion we fhall be accessary to the ruin of this poor enslaved people, if we bestir ourfelves in demanding or imploring the release of our unhappy countrymen; as we may thereby prevent the commission of a flagrant crime, which

would fill up the vengeance of Heaven against the perpetrators, and perhaps be the means of restoring a whole nation to the unspeakable frui-tion of freedom. For my own part, I should rejoice to fee the blood of my father spilt in such a glorious cause, provided fuch a victim would furnifi me with the opportunity of diffolving the chains of flavery, and vindicating that liberty which is the birth-right of man. Then would my name be immortalized among the patriot heroes of antiquity, and my memory, like that of Harmodius and Ariftogi ton, be honoured by statues erected at the publick expence.' This rhapfody, which was delivered with great emphasis and agitation, gave so much offence to Jolter, that without speaking one word, he retired in great wrath to his own chamber, and the republican returned to his lodging, in full hope of his prognostick being verified in the death and destruction of Peregrine and the painter, which must give rise to some renowned revolution, wherein he himfelf would act a principal part. But the governor, whose imagination was not quite fo warm and prolifick, went directly to the ambaffador, whom he informed of his pupil's fituation, and befought to interpole with the French miniftry, that he and the other British fubject might obtain their liberty.

His excellency asked if Jolter could guess at the cause of his imprisonment, that he might be the better prepared to vindicate or excuse his conduct; but neither he nor Pipes could give the fmallest hint of intelligence on that subject; though he furnished himself from Tom's own mouth with a circumstantial account of the manner in which his master had been arrested, as well as of his own behaviour, and the difafter he had received on that oceasion. lordship never doubted that Pickle had brought this calamity upon himself by fome unlucky prank he had played at the masquerade; especially when he underitood that the young gentleman had drank freely in the afternoon, and been fo whimfical as to go thither with a man in woman's apparel: and he that fame day waited on the French minister, in full confidence of obtaining his difcharge; but met with more difficulty than he expected, the court of France being extremely punctilious in every

thing that concerns a prince of the blood. The ambassador was therefore obliged to talk in very high terms, and though the present circumstances of the French politicks would not allow them to fall out with the British administration for trifles, all the favour he could procure, was a promise that Pickle should be set at liberty, provided he would ask pardon of the prince to whom he had given offence. His excellency thought this was but a reasonable condescention, fuppoling Peregrine to have been in the wrong; and Jolter was admitted to him in order to communicate and reinforce his lordship's advice, which was, that he should comply with the terms proposed. The governor, who did not enter this gloomy fortrels without fear and trem-bling, found his pupil in a difmal apartment, void of all furniture but a flool and truckle-bed. The moment he was admitted, he perceived the youth whistling with great unconcern, and working with his pencil at the bare wall, on which he had delineated a ludicrous figure labelled with the name of the nobleman whom he had affronted, and an English mastiff with his leg lifted up, in the attitude of making water in his shoe. He had been even so pretumptuous as to explain the device with fatirical inscriptions in the French language, which when Jolter perused, his hair stood on end with affright. The very turnkey was confounded and overawed by the boldness of his behaviour, which he had never feen matched by any inhabitant of that place; and actu-ally joined his friend in perfuading him to submit to the easy demand of the minister. But our hero, far from embracing the counsel of this advocate, handed him to the door with great ceremony, and difinished him with a kick on the breech; and to all the supplications, and even tears of Jolter, made no other reply, than that he would ftoop to no condescension, because he had committed no crime; but would leave his case to the cognizance and exertion of the British court, whose duty it was to fee justice done to it's own subjects: he defired, however, that Pallet, who was himself of his own disposition, which was sufficiently pliable. But when the governor defired to fee his fellow-prisoner, the turnkey gave him to understand that he had received no orders relating

to the lady, and therefore could not admit him into her apartment; though he was complaifant enough to tell him that she seemed very much mortified at her confinement, and at certain times behaved as if her brain was not a little disordered. Joster thus baffled in all his endeavours, quitted the Bastile with a heavy heart, and reported his fruitless negociation to the ambassador, who could not help breaking forth into some acrimonious expressions against the obstinacy and insolence of the young man, who, he said, deserved to suffer for his folly. Nevertheless, he did not desist from his representations to the French ministry, which he found so unyielding, that he was obliged to threaten in plain terms, to make it a national concern, and not only write to his court for instructions, but even advise the council to make reprisals, and send some French gentlemen in London to the Tower.

This intimation had an effect upon the ministry at Versailles, who rather than run the risk of incensing a people whom it was neither their interest nor inclination to disoblige, consented to discharge the offenders, on condition that they should leave Paris in three days after their enlargement. This proposal was readily agreed to by Peregrine, who was now a little more tractable, and heartily tired of being cooped up in such an uncomfortable abode, for the space of three long days, without any sort of communication or entertainment, but that which his own imagination suggested.

CHAP. XIII.

PEREGRINE MAKES HIMSELF MER-RY AT THE EXPENCE OF THE PAINTER, WHO CURSES HIS LANDLADY, AND BREAKS WITH THE DOCTOR.

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As he could easily conceive the situation of his companion in adversity, he was unwilling to leave the place, until he had reaped some divertion from his distress; and with that view repaired to the dungeon of the afficted painter, to which he had by this time free access. When he entered, the first object that presented itself to his eye, was so uncommonly ridiculous, that he

could fearce preferve that gravity of countenance which he had affected in order to execute the joke he had planned. The forlorn Pallet sat upright in his bed, in a dishabille that was altogether extraordinary. He had laid aside his monstrous hoop, together with his stays, gown, and petticoat; wrapped his lappets about his head by way of night-cap, and wore his domino as a loose morning-drefs; his grizzled locks hung down about his lack-luftre eyes and tawney seck, in all the diforder of neg-ligence; his grey beard briftled about half an inch, through the remains of the paint with which his vifage had been bedaubed; and every feature of his face was lengthened to the most ridiculous expression of grief and dismay. Seeing Peregrine come in, he started up in a fort of frantick extafy, and running towards him with open arms, no fooner perceived the woeful appearance into which our hero had modelled his phyfiognomy, than he stopped short all of a sudden, and the joy which had begun to take possession of his heart, was in a moment dispelled by the most rueful prefages; fo that he stood in a most ludicrous posture of dejection, like a malefactor at the Old Bailey, when fentence is about to be pronounced. Pickle taking him by the hand, heaved a profound figh; and after having protested that he was extremely mortified at being pitched upon as the messenger of bad news, told him, with an air of fympathy and infinite concern, that the French court having discovered his sex, had resolved, in confideration of the outrageous indignity he offered in publick to a prince of the blood, to detain him in the Baffile a prisoner for life: and that this fentence was a mitigation obtained by the importunities of the British ambassador; the punishment ordained by law being no other than breaking alive upon the wheel. These tidings aggravated the horrors of the painter to fuch a degree, that he roared aloud, and skipped about the room in all the extravagance of distraction; taking God and man to witness, that he would rather suffer immediate death than endure one year's imprisonment in such a hideous place; and curfing the hour of his birth, and the moment on which he departed from his own country. ' For my own part,' faid his tormentor, in a hypocritical tone, I was obliged to swallow the

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bitter pill of making submissions to the prince; who, as I had not prefumed to ftrike him, received acknow. ledgments; in consequence of which, I shall be this day set at liberty, an there is even one expedient left for the recovery of your freedom. It is, I own, a disagreeable remedy, but one had better undergo a little mortification, than be for ever wretched. Befides, upon second thoughts, I begin to imagine, that you will not, for such a trifle, sacrifice yourself to the unceasing horrors of a solitary dun-geon; especially as your condescention will, in all probability, be attended with advantages which you could not otherwise enjoy. Pallet interrupting him with great eagerness, begged, for the love of God, that he would no longer keep him in the torture of fufpenfe, but mention that fame remedy, which he was refolved to swallow, let

it be never so unpalatable, Peregrine, having thus played upon his passions of fear and hope, answered, that as the offence was committed in the habit of a woman, which was a disguise unworthy of the other fex, the French court was of opinion that the delinquent should be reduced to the neuter gender; so that there was an alter-native at his own option, by which he had it in his power to regain immediate freedom. 'What!' cried the painter; in despair, 'become a finger? Gadsooks ! and the devil, and all that ! I'll rather lie still where I am, and let myself be devoured by vermin.' Then thrusting out his throat, ' Here is my windpipe, faid he; 'be fo good, my dear friend, as to give it a flice of two; if you don't, I shall one of these days be found dangling in my garters. What an unfortunate raical I am! What a blockhead, and a What an unfortunate rascal beaft, and a fool was I, to trust myfelf among fuch a barbarous ruffian race? Lord forgive you, Mr. Pickle, for having been the immediate cause of my disaster; if you had stood by me from the beginning, according to your promife, I should not have been teized by that coxcomb who has brought me to this pass. And why did I put on this damn'd unlucky dress? Lard curse that chattering Jezabel of a landlady, who advised such a preposterous disguise! a disguise which hath not only brought me to this pass, but also rendered me abominable to myself, and frightful to
others; for when I this morning signissed to the turnkey, that I wanted
to be shaved, he looked at my beard
with astonishment, and crossing himself, muttered his pater-noster, believing me (I suppose) to be a witch,
or something worse. And Heaven confound that loathsome banquet of the
ancients, which provoked me to drink
too freely, that I might wash away
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Our young gentleman, having heard his lamentation to an end, excused himself for his conduct, by representing that he could not possibly foresee the difagreeable confequences that attended it; and in the mean time, strenuously counfelled him to fubmit to the terms of this enlargement. He observed, that he was now arrived at that time of life, when the lufts of the flesh should be entirely mortified within him, and his greatest concern ought to be the health of his foul, to which nothing could more effectually contribute than the amputation which was proposed: that his body, as well as his mind, would profit by the change, because he would have no dangerous appetite to gratify, and no carnal thoughts to divert him from the duties of his profession; and his voice, which was naturally sweet, would improve to fuch a degree, that he would captivate the ears of all the people of fathion and tafte, and in a little time be celebrated under the appellation of the English Senesino.

These arguments did not fail to make impression upon the painter, who, nevertheless, started two objections to his compliance; namely, the disgrace of the punishment, and the dread of his wife. Pickle undertook to obviate these difficulties, by assuring him, that the sentence would be executed so privately, as never to transpire; and that his wife could not be so unconscionable, after so many years of cohabitation, as to take exceptions to an expedient, by which she would not only enjoy the conversation of her husband, but even the fruits of those talents which the

knife would so remarkably refine.

Pallet shook his head at his last remonstrance, as if he thought it would not be altogether convincing to his spouse; but yielded to the proposal, provided her consent could be obtained.

Just as he signified this condescension, the gaoler entered, and addressing himfelf to the supposed lady, expressed his fatisfaction in having the honour to tell her, that she was no longer a prisoner. As the painter did not understand one word of what he faid, Peregrine undertook the office of intepreter, and made his friend believe, the gadler's speech was no other than an intimation, that the ministry had fent a surgeon to execute what was proposed, and that the instruments and dreffings were prepared in the next room. Alarmed and terrified at this sudden appointment, he flew to the other end of the room, and fnatching up an earthen chamber-pot, which was the only offensive weapon in the place, put himself in a posture of defiance, and with many oaths threatened to try the temper of the barber's skull, if he should presume to set his note within the apartment.

The gaoler, who little expected fuch a reception, concluded that the poor gentlewoman had actually loft her wits, and retreated with precipitation, leaving the door open as he went out. Upon which Pickle, gathering up the particulars of his drefs with great dispatch, crammed them into Pallet's arms, and taking notice that now the coast was clear, exhorted him to follow his footsteps to the gate, where a hackney-coach stood for his reception. There being no time for helitation, the painter took his advice, and without quitting the utenfil, which in his hurry he forgot to lay down, fallied out in the rear of our hero, with all that wildness of terror and impatience which may be reasonably supposed to take posfession of a man who slies from perpetual imprisonment. Such was the tumult of his agitation, that his faculty of thinking was for the present utterly overwhelmed, and he faw no object but his conductor, whom he followed by a fort of instinctive impulse, without regarding the keepers and centinels, who, as he passed with his cloaths under one arm, and his chamber-pot brandified above his head, were confounded, and even difmayed, at the strange apparition.

During the whole course of this irruption, he ceased not to cry with great yociferation, Drive, coachman! drive, in the name of God! And the carriage had proceeded the length of a whole street, before he manifested the least sign of resection, but stared like

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the Gorgon's head, with his mouth wide open, and each particular hair crawling and twining like an animated serpent. At length, however, he began to recover the the use of his senses, and asked if Peregrine thought him now out of all danger of being retaken. unrelenting wag, not yet fatisfied with the affliction he had imposed upon the fufferer, answered with an air of doubt and concern, that he hoped they would not be overtaken, and prayed to God they might not be retarded by a Stop of carriages. Pallet fervently joined in this supplication; and they advanced a few yards farther, when the noise of a coach at full speed behind them invaded their ears; and Pickle having looked out of the window, withdrew his head in feeming confusion, and exclaimed, Lord have mercy upon us! I wish that may not be a guard sent after us. Methinks I saw the muzzle of a fufil sticking out of the coach.' The painter hearing these tidings, that instant thrust himself half out at the window, with his helmet still in his hand, bellowing to the coach-man as loud as he could roar, 'Drive! damn you, drive! to the gates of Jef richo, and ends of the earth! Drive! you raggamuffin, you rascallion, you hell-hound! drive us to the pit of hell, rather than we should be taken!

Such a phantom could not pass, without attracting the curiofity of the people, who ran to their doors and windows, in order to behold this object of admiration. With the same view that coach, which was supposed to be in pursuit of him, stopped just as the windows of each happened to be opposite; and Pallet looking behind, and feeing three men standing upon the foot-board armed with canes, which his fear converted into fufils, never doubted that his friend's fuspicion was just; but, shaking his jordan at the imaginary guard, fwore he would fooner die than part with his precious ware. The owner of the coach, who was a nobleman of the first quality, mistook him for some unhappy woman deprived of her fenses; and ordering his coachman to proceed, convinced the fugitive, to his infinite joy, that this was no more than a false alarm. was not, for all that, freed from anxiety and trepidation; but our young gentleman, fearing his brain would not bear a repetition of the same joke, permitted

him to gain his own lodgings without farther moleculation.

His landlady meeting him on the flair, was so affected at his appearance, that she screamed aloud, and betook herself to flight; while he, curfing her with great bitterness, rushed into the apartment with the doctor; who, instead of receiving him with cordial embraces. and congratulating him upon his deliverance, gave evident tokens of umbrage and discontent; and even plainly told him, he hoped to have heard that he and Mr. Pickle had acted the glorious part of Cato; an event which would have laid the foundation of fuch noble struggles, as could not fail to end in happiness and freedom; and that he had already made some progress in an ode that would have immortalized their names, and inspired the flame of liberty in every honest breast. ' There,' said he, 'I would have proved, that great 'talents, and high fentiments of liberty, do reciprocally produce and affift each other; and illustrated my affer-tions with such notes and quotations from the Greek writers, as would have opened the eyes of the most blind and unthinking, and touched the most callous and obdurate heart. O fool! to think the man, aubose ample mind must grasp whatever yonder stars survey. - Pray, Mr. Pallet, what is your opinion of that image of the mind's grasping the whole universe? For my own part, I cannot help thinking it the most happy conception that ever entered my imagination.

The painter, who was not fuch a flaming enthusiast in the cause of liberty, could not brook the doctor's reflections, which he thought favoured a little too much of indifference and deficiency in point of private friendship; and therefore seized the present opportunity of mortifying his pride, by observing, that the image was, without all doubt, very grand and magnificent; but that he had been obliged for the idea to Mr. Bayes, in the Rehearfal, who values himfelf upon the fame figure, conveyed in these words, 'But all these clouds, when by ' the eye of reason grasp'd,' &c. Upon any other occasion, the painter would have triumped greatly in this detection; but fuch was the flutter and confusion of his spirits, under the apprehension of being retaken, that without farther communication, he retreated to his own

room, in order to refume his own drefs, which he hoped would alter his appearance in such a manner, as to baffle all fearch and examination; while the phyfician remained ashamed and abashed, to find himfelf convicted of bombait by a person of such contemptible talents. He was offended at this proof of his memory, and so much enraged at his prefumption in exhibiting it, that he could never forgive his want of reverence, and took every opportunity of exposing his ignorance and folly in the sequel. In-deed, the ties of private affection were too weak to engage the heart of this re-publican, whose zeal for the community had entirely swallowed up his concern for individuals. He looked upon particular friendship as a passion unworthy of his ample foul, and was a professed admirer of L. Manlius, Junius Brutus, and those later patriots of the same name, who shut their ears against the cries of nature, and resisted all the distates of gratitude and humanity.

CHAP. XIV.

TALLET CONCEIVES AN HEARTY CONTEMPT FOR HIS FELLOW-TRAVELLER, AND ATTACHES HIMSELF TO PICKLE, WHO NEVERTHELESS PERSECUTES HIM WITH HIS MISCHIEVOUS TALENT UPON THE ROAD TO FLANDERS.

IN the mean time, his companion having employed divers pails full of water, in cleanfing himself from the squalor of a jail, submitted his face to the barber, tinged his eye brows with a sable hue, and being dressed in his own cleaths, ventured to visit Peregrine, who was still under the hands of his valet de chambre, and who gave him to understand, that his escape had been connived at, and that the condition of their deliverance was their departure from Paris in three days.

The painter was transported with joy, when he learned that he ran no risque of being retaken; and far from repining at the terms of his enlargement, would bave willingly set out on his return to England that same afternoon; for the Bastile had made such an impression upon him, that he started at the sound of every coach, and turned pale at sight

of a French foldier. In the fullness of his heart, he complained of the doctor's indifference, and related what had passed at their meeting with evident marks of refentment and difrespect; which were not at all diminished, when Tolter informed him of the physician's behaviour when he sent for him, to confer about the means of abridging their confine-ment. Pickle himself was incensed at his want of bowels, and perceiving how much he had funk in the opinion of his fellow-traveller, resolved to encourage these sentiments of disgust, and occafionally foment the division to a downright quarrel, which he forelaw would produce some diversion, and perhaps ex-pose the poet's character in such a light, as would effectually punish him for his arrogance and barbarity. With this view, he levelled several satirical jokes at the doctor's pedantry and want of tafte, which had appeared so conspicuous in the quotations he had got by heart, from ancient authors, in his affected disdain of the best pictures in the world; which, had he been endowed with the least share of discernment, he could not have beheld with such insenfibility; and laftly, in his ridiculous banquet, which none but an egregious coxcomb, devoid of all elgance and fense, would have prepared, or presented to rational beings. In a word, our young gentleman played the artillery of his wit against him with fuch fuccefs, that the painter feemed to wake from a dream, and went home with the most hearty contempt for the person he had formerly adored.

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Instead of using the privilege of a friend, to enter his apartment without ceremony, he fent in his fervant with a meffage, importing, that he intended to fet out from Paris next day, in company with Mr. Pickle, and desiring to know whether or not he was, or would be prepared for the journey. The docbe prepared for the journey. tor, ftruck with the manner, as well as the matter, of this intimation, went immediately to Pallet's room, and demanded to know the cause of such a sudden determination, without his privity or concurrence; and when he understood the necessity of their affairs, rather than travel by himself, he ordered his baggage to be packed up, and fignified his readiness to conform to the emergency of the case; though he was not at all pleased with the cavalier behaviour of Pallet, to whom he threw out fome hints of his own importance, and the immensity of his condescension, in favouring him with such marks of regard. But by this time these insinuations had lost their effect upon the painter, who told him, with an arch sneer, that he did not at all question his learning and abilities, and particularly his skill in cookery, which he should never forget while his palate retained it's function; but nevertheless advised him, for the sake of the degenerate eaters of these days, to spare a little of his sal-armoniack in the next somewhat of the devil's dung which he had so plentifully crammed into the roasted fowls, unless he had a mind to convert his guests into patients, with a view of licking himself whole for the expence of the entertainment.

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The physician, nettled at these sarcasins, eyed him with a look of indignation and disdain; and being unwilling to express himself in English, lest, in the course of the altercation, Pallet should be so much irritated as to depart without him, he vented his anger in Greek. The painter, though by the sound he supposed this quotation to be Greek, complimented his friend upon his knowledge in the Welch language, and sound means to rally him quite out of temper; so that he retired to his own chamber in the utmost wrath and mortification, and lest his antagonist exulting over the vic-

while these things passed between these originals, Peregrine waited on the ambassador, whom he thanked for his kind interposition, acknowledging the indiscretion of his own conduct, with such appearance of conviction, and promises of reformation, that his excellency freely forgave him for all the trouble he had been put to on his account, fortified him with sensible advices, and assume him of his continual favour and friendship, gave him, at parting, letters of introduction to several persons of quality belonging to the British court.

Thus diftinguished, our young gentleman took leave of all his French acquaintance, and spent the evening with some of those who had enjoyed the greatest share of his intimacy and considence; while Joster superintended his domestick concerns, and with infinite joy bespoke a post-chaise and horse, in order to convey him from a place where he lived in

continual apprehension of suffering by the dangerous disposition of his pupil. Every thing being adjusted according to their plan, they and their fellow-travellers next day dined together, and about four in the afternoon took their depasture in two chaises, escorted by the valet de chambre, Pipes, and the doctor's lacquey on horseback, well furnished with arms and ammunition, in case of being attacked by robbers on the road.

It was about eleven o'clock at night when they arrived at Senlis, which was the place at which they proposed to lodge, and where they were obliged to knock up the people of the inn, before they could have their supper prepared. All the provision in the house was but barely sufficient to furnish one indifferent meal; however the painter consoled himself for the quantity with the quality of the dishes, one of which was a fricasse of rabbit, a preparation that he valued above all the dainties that ever smoaked upon the table of the sumptuous Heliomabalus.

He had no fooner expressed himself to this effect, than our hero, who was almost incessantly laying traps for diversion at his neighbours expence, laid hold on the declaration; and recollecting the story of Scipio and the muleteer in Gil Blas, resolved to perpetrate a joke upon the stomach of Pallet, which seemed particularly well disposed to an hearty sup-He accordingly digefted his plans and the company being feated at table, affected to gaze with peculiar eagerness at the painter, who had helped himfelf to a large portion of the fricassee, and began to swallow it with infinite relish. Pallet notwithstanding the keennels of his appetite, could not help taking notice of Pickle's demeanour; and making a fhort pause in the exercise of his grin-ders, 'You are surprized,' said he, 'to' fee me make so much dispatch; but I was extremely hungry, and this is one of the best fricasses I ever tasted: the French are very expert in these dishes, that I must allow; and, upon my conscience, I would never defire to eat a more delicate rabbit than this that lies "upon my plate."

Peregrine made no other reply to this encomium, than the repetition of the word rabbit! with a note of admiration, and fuch a fignificant shake of the head, as effectually alarmed the other, who instantly suspended the action of his

jaws, and with the morfel half chewed in his mouth, stared round him with a certain flolidity of apprehension, which is easier conceived than described, until his eyes encountered the countenance of Thomas Pipes; who being instructed, and polled opposite to him for the occafion, exhibited an arch grin, that comleated the painter's diforder. Afraid of iwallowing his mouthful, and ashamed to dispose of it any other way, he sat some time in a most distressed state of suspense; and being questioned by Mr. Jolter touching his calamity, made a violent effort of the muscles of his gullet, which with difficulty performed their office; and then, with great confusion and concern, asked if Mr. Pickle suspected the rabbit's identity. The young gentleman assuming a mysterious air, pretended ignorance of the matter; observing that he was apt to suspect all dishes of that kind, fince he had been informed of the tricks which were commonly played at inns in France, Italy, and Spain; and recounted that passage in Gil Blas, which we have hinted at above; faying, he did not pretend to be a connoisieur in animals, but the legs of the creature which composed that fricassee did not, in his opinion, resemble those of the rabbits he had usually feen. This observation had an evident effect upon the features of the painter, who, with certain figns of loathing and aftonishment, exclaimed, 'Lord Jefus!' and appealed to Pipes for a discovery of the truth, by asking if he knew any thing of the affair. Tom very gravely replied, that he did suppose the food was wholesome enough, for he had seen the tkin and feet of a special ram-cat, new flea'd, hanging upon the door of a small pantry adjoining to the kitchen.

Before this sentence was uttered, Pallet's belly seemed to move in contact with his back-bone, his colour changed, no part but the whites of his eyes were to be seen, he dropped his lower jaw, and fixing his hands in his sides, reached with such convulsive agonies, as a mazed and disconcerted the whole company; and what augmented his disorder was the tenacious retention of his stomach, which absolutely resuled to part with it's contents, notwithstanding all the energy of his abhorrence, which threw him into a cold sweat, and almost into

a fwoon.

Pickle, alarmed at his condition, af-

fured him it was a genuine rabbit, and that he had tutored Pipes to fay otherwise for the joke's sake. But this confession he confidered as a friendly artifice of Pickle's compassion, and therefore it had little effect upon his constitution. By the affiftance, however, of a large bumper of brandy, his spirits were recruited, and his recollection fo far recovered, that he was able to declare, with divers contortions of face, that the dish had a particular rankness of taste, which he had imputed partly to the nature of the French coney, and partly to the compo-fition of their fauces; then he inveighed against the infamous practices of French publicans, attributing fuch imposition to their oppressive government, which kept them so necessitous, that they were tempted to exercise all manner of knave-

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ry upon their unwary guests Jolter, who could not find in his heart to let slip any opportunity of speaking in favour of the French, told him, that he was a very great stranger to their police, else he would know, that if upon information to the magistrate it should appear that any traveller, native or foreigner, has been imposed upon or ill treated by a publican, the offender would be immediately obliged to shut up his house, and if his behaviour had been notorious, he himself would be sent to the gallies, without the leaft hefitation: ' And as for the dish which has been made the occasion of your prefent diforder,' faid he, ' I will take upon me to affirm it was prepared of a genuine rabbit, which was skinned in my presence; and in confirmation of what I affert, though fuch fricaffees are not the favourites of my tafte, I will eat a part of this without scruple." So faying, he swallowed several mouthfuls of the questioned coney, and Pallet feemed to eye it again with inclination; nay, he even refumed his knife and fork, and being just on the point of applying them, was feized with another qualm of apprehension, that broke out in an exclamation of, ' After all, Mr. Jolter, if it should be a real ram-cat! -Lord have mercy upon me! here is one of the claws.' With these words, he presented the tip of a toe, of which Pipes had inipped off five or fix from a duck that was roalted, and purposely scattered them in the fricassee; and the goverwithout symptoms of uneafiness and remorfe; fo that he and the painter fat filenced and abashed, and made faces at each other, while the physician, who hated them both, exulted over their affliction, bidding them be of good chear, and proceed with their meal; for he was ready to demonstrate, that the fiesh of a cat was as nourishing and delicious as veal or mutton, provided they could prove that the faid cat was not of the boar-kind, and had fed chiefly on vegetable diet, or even confined it's carnivorous appetite to rats and mice, which he affirmed to be dainties of ex-quifite tafte and flavour. He faid, it was a vulgar miftake, to think that all flesh-devouring creatures were unfit to be eaten; witness the consumption of fwine and ducks, animals that delight in carnage as well as fish, and prey upon each other, and feed on bait and carrion; together with the demand for of which the best hams in the world are made. He then observed that the Negroes on the coast of Guinea, who are healthy and vigorous people, prefer cats and dogs to all other fare; and mentioned from history several sieges, during which the inhabitants, who were blocked up, fived upon these animals, and had recourse even to human flesh, which, to his certain knowledge, was in all respects preferable to pork; for, in the course of his studies, he had, for the experiment's fake, eaten a steak cut from the buttock of a person who had been hanged.

This differtation, far from composing, increased the disquiet in the stomachs of the governor and painter, who hearing the last illustration, turned their eyes upon the orator, at the same instant, with looks of horror and disgust; and the one muttering the term cannibal, and the other pronouncing the word abomination, they rose from table in a great hurry, and running towards another apartment, justled with such violence in the passage, that both were overturned by the shock, which also contributed to the effect of their nausea, that mutually defiled them as they lay.

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CHAP. XV.

NOR IS THE PHYSICIAN SACRED FROM HIS RIDICULE. THEY REACH ARRAS, WHERE OUR AD-VENTURER ENGAGES IN PLAY WITH TWO FRENCH OPPICERS, WHO NEXT MORNING GIVE THE LANDLORD AN INTERESTING PROOF OF THEIR IMPORTANCE.

HE doctor remained fullen and dejected during the whole journey: not but that he attempted to recover his importance, by haranguing upon the Roman highways, when Mr. Jolter defired the company to take notice of the fine pavement upon which they travelled from Paris into Flanders; but Pallet, who thought he had now gained the afcendancy over the phyfician, exerted himfelf in maintaining the fuperiority he had acquired, by venting various forcasms upon his self-conceit and affectation of learning, and even uttering puns and conundrums upon the remarks which the republican retailed. When he talked of the Plaminian Way, the painter questioned if it was a better pavement than the Flemimian way on which they travelled: and the doctor having observed, that this road was made for the convenience of drawing the French artillery into Flanders, which was often the leat of war; his competitor in wit replied with infinite vivacity, ' There are more great guns than the French king knows of drawn along this causeway, doctor."

Encouraged by the success of these efforts, which tickled the imagination of Jolter, and drew smiles as (he imagined) of approbation from our hero, he sported in many other equivoques of the same nature; and at dinner told the physician, that he was like the root of the tongue, as being cursedly down in the mouth.

By this time, fuch was the animofity sublisting between those quondam friends, that they never conversed together, except with a view of exposing each other to the ridicule or contempt of their fellow-travellers. The doctor was at great pains to point out the folly and ignorance of Pallet in private to Peregrine, who was often conjured in the fame manner by the painter, to take notice of the physician's want of manners and tafte. Pickle pretended to acquiesce in the truth of their mutual severity, which indeed was extremely just, and by malicious infinuations blew up their contention, with a view of bringing it to open hostility. But both feemed so averse to deeds of mortal purpose,

that for a long time his arts were baffled, and he could not fpirit them up to any pitch of refentment higher than

scurrilous repartee.

Before they reached Arras, the city gates were thut, so that they were obliged to take up their lodging at an indifferent house in the suburbs; where they found a couple of French officers, who had also rode post for Paris so far on their way to Lisse. These gentlemen were about the age of thirty, and their deportment distinguished by such an air of insolence, as disgusted our hero; who nevertheless accosted them politely in the yard, and proposed that they should sup together. They thanked him for the honour of his invitation, which, however, they declined, upon pretence of having ordered something for themselves; but promised to wait upon him and his company immediately

after their repast.

This they accordingly performed; and after having drank a few glasses of Burgundy, one of them asked, if the young gentleman would for passime take a hand at quadrille. Peregrine eafily divined the meaning of this pro-pofal, which was made with no other view than that of fleecing him and his fellow-travellers; for he well knew to what shifts a subaltern in the French fervice is reduced, in order to maintain the appearance of a gentleman, and had reason to believe that most of them were sharpers from their youth: but, as he depended a good deal upon his own penetration and address, he gratified the stranger's defire; and a party was instantly formed of the painter, the physician, the proposer, and himself, the other officer having professed himself utterly ignorant of the game; yet in the course of the play he took his station at the back of Pickle's chair, which was opposite to his friend, on pretence of amufing himself with seeing his manner of conducting the cards. The youth was not fuch a novice but that he perceived the defign of this palpable piece of behaviour; which, notwithstanding, he overlooked for the present, with a view of flattering their hopes in the beginning, that they might be the more effectually punished by their disappointment in the end.

The game was scarce begun, when by the reflection of a glass he discerned

the officer at his back making figns to his companion; who, by these pre-concerted gestures, was perfectly informed of the contents of Peregrine's hand, and of consequence fortunate in the course of

play.

Thus they were allowed to enjoy the fruits of their dexterity, until their money amounted to some Louis; when our young gentleman, thinking it high time to do himself justice, signified in very polite terms to the gentleman who stood behind him, that he could never play with ease and deliberation when he was overlooked by any by-stander, and begged that he would have the goodness.

to be feated.

As this was a remonstrance which the stranger could not with any shew of breeding resist, he asked pardon, and retired to the chair of the physician, who frankly told him, that it was not the fashion of his country for one to submit his hand to the perusal of a spectator; and when, in consequence of this rebuss, he wanted to quarter himself upon the painter, he was refused by a wave of the hand, and shake of the head, with an exclamation of Pardonnex moil which was repeated with such emphasis, as discomposed his effrontery, and he found hunself obliged to sit down in a state of mortification.

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The odds being thus removed, for-tune proceeded in her usual channel; and though the Frenchman, deprived of his ally, endeavoured to practife divers ftrokes of finesse, the rest of the company observed him with such vigilance and caution, as baffled all his attempts, and in a very little time he was compelled to part with his winning: but having engaged in the match with an intention of taking all advantages, whether fair or unfair, that his superior skill should give him over the Englishman, the money was not refunded with-out a thousand disputes, in the course of which he effayed to intimidate his antagonist with high words, which were retorted by our hero with fuch interest, as convinced him that he had miltaken his man, and perfuaded him to make his retreat in quiet. Indeed, it was not without cause that they repined at the bad success of their enterprize; because, in all likelihood, they had nothing to depend upon for the present but their own industry, and knew not how to defray their expences on the road, except by some acquisition of this kind.

Next morning they rose at day-break, and resolving to anticipate their fellowlodgers, belooke post-horses as soon as they could be admitted into the city; so that when our company appeared, their beafts were ready in the yard; and they only waited to discuss the bill, which they had ordered to be made out. The landlord of the inn presented his carte with fear and trembling to one of those ferocious cavaliers, who no sooner cast his eye upon the fum-total, than he difcharged a volley of dreadful oaths, and asked if the king's officers were to be treated in that manner. The poor pub-lican protested, with great humility, that he had the utmost respect for his majesty, and every thing that belonged to him; and that, far from consulting his own interest, all that he defired was, to be barely indemnified for the expence

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This condescension seemed to have no other effect than that of encouraging their arrogance. They swore his extortion should be explained to the commandant of the town, who would, by making him a publick example, teach other inn-keepers how to behave to-wards men of honour; and threatened with fuch confidence of indignation, that the wretched landlord, dreading the consequence of their wrath, implored pardon in the most abject manner, beging with many supplications, that he might have the pleasure of lodging them at his own charge. This was a favour which he with great difficulty obtained; they chid him severely for his imposition, exhorted him to have more regard for his own conscience, as well as for the convenience of his guests; and cautioning him in particular touching his behaviour to the gentlemen of the army, mounted their horses, and rode off in great state, leaving him very thankful for having so successfully appeared the choler of two officers, who wanted either inclination or ability to pay their bill; for experience had taught him to be apprehensive of all fuch travellers, who commonly lay the landlord under contribution, by way of atonement for the extravagance of his demands, even after he has professed his willingness to entertain them on their own terms.

CHAP. XVI.

PEREGRINE MORALIZES UPON THEIR BEHAVIOUR, WHICH IS CONDEMNED BY THE DOCTOR, AND DEFENDED BY THE GOVER-NOR. THEY ARRIVE IN SAFETY AT LISLE, DINE AT AN ORDI. NARY, VISIT THE CITADEL: PHYSICIAN QUARRELS THE WITH A NORTH BRITON, WHO IS PUT IN ARREST.

HESE Konourable adventurers being gone, Peregrine, who was present during the transaction, informed himself of the particulars from the mouth of the inn-keeper himfelf, who took God and the faints to witness, that he should have been a loser by their custom, even if the bill had been paid; because he was on his guard against their objections, and had charged every article at an under price: but such was the au-thority of officers in France, that he durft not dispute the least circumstance of their will; for had the case come under the cognizance of the magistrate, he must in course have suffered by the maxims of their government, which never fail to abet the oppression of the army; and befides, run the risk of incurring their future refentment, which would be sufficient to ruin him from top to bottom.

Our hero boiled with indignation at this instance of injustice and arbitrary power; and turning to his governor, asked if this too was a proof of the happiness enjoyed by the French people. Jolter replied, that every human conflitution must in some things be imperfeet; and owned, that in this kingdom gentlemen were more countenanced than the vulgar, because it was to be presumed, that their own fentiments of honour and superior qualifications would entitle them to this pre eminence, which had also a retrospective view to the merit of their ancestors, in consideration of which they were at first ennobled : but he affirmed, that the inn-keeper had mifrepresented the magistracy, which in France never failed to punish flagrant'outrages and abuse, without respect of persons.

The painter approved of the wildom of the French government, in bridling the infolence of the mob, by which, he

affured them, he had often fuffered in his own person; having been often befpattered by hackney-coachmen, juftled by draymen and porters, and reviled in the most opprobrious terms by the watermen of London, where he had once loft his bag and a confiderable quantity of hair, which had been cut off by some rascal in his passage through Ludgate, during the lord mayor's procession. On the other hand, the doctor with great warm halledged, that those officers ought to fuffer death, or banishment at least, for having plundered the people in this manner, which was so impudent and bare faced, as plainly to prove they were certain of escaping with impunity, and that they were old offenders in the same degree of delinquency. He faid, that the greatest man in Athens would have been condemned to perpetual exile, and feen his estate confiscated for publick use, had he dared in such a licentious manner to violate the rights of a fellowcitizen; and as for the little affronts to which a man may be fubject, from the petulance of the multitude, he looked upon them as glorious indications of liberty, which ought not to be represed, and would at any time rejoice to find himself overthrown in a kennel by the insolence of a son of freedom, even though the fall should cost him a limb: adding, by way of illustration, that the greatest pleasure he ever enjoyed, was in feeing a dustman wilfully overturn a gentleman's coach, in which two ladies were bruised, even to the danger of their lives. Pallet, shocked at the extravagance of this declaration; 'If that be the case,' said he, ' I wish you may fee every bone in your body broke, by the first carman you meet in the streets of London.

This argument being discussed, and the reckoning discharged without any deduction, although the landlord, in stating the articles, had an eye to the loss he had sustained by his own countrymen, they departed from Arras, and arrived in safety at Lisle, about two o'clock in the afternoon.

They had scarce taken possession of their lodgings, in a large hotel on the Grande Place, when the inn keeper gave them to understand, that he kept an ordinary below, which was frequented by several English gentlemen who resided in town, and that dinner was then up-

on the table. Peregrine, who felzed all opportunities of observing new characters, persuaded his company to dine in publick; and they were accordingly conducted to the place, where they cound a mixture of Scotch and Dutch officers, who had come from Holland to learn their exercises at the academy, and some gentlemen in the French service, who were upon garrison-duty in the citadel. Among these last was a person about the age of fifty, of a remarkable genteel air and polite address, dignified with a Mal-tele cross, and diftinguished by the par-ticular veneration of all those who knew him. When he understood that Picks When he understood that Pickle and his friends were travellers, he accoffed the youth in English, which he spoke tolerably well; and as they were strangers, offered to attend them in the afternoon to all the places worth feeing in Lifle. Our hero thanked him for his excess of politeness, which (he said) was peculiar to the French nation: and firuck with his engaging appearance, industriously courted his conversation, in the course of which he learned, that this chevalier was a man of good fense and great experience, that he was per-fectly well acquainted with the greatest part of Europe, had lived some years in England, and was no stranger to the

constitution and genius of that people.

Having dined, and drank to the healths of the English and French kings, two fiacres were called, in one of which the knight, with one of his companions, the governor, and Peregrine, feated themselves; the other being occupied by the physician, Pallet, and two Scottish officers, who proposed to accompany them in their circuit. The first place they visited was the citadel, round the ramparts of which they walked, under the conduct of the knight, who explained with great accuracy the intention of every particular fortification belonging to that feemingly impregnable fortress; and when they had fatisfied their curiofity, took coach again, in order to view the arfenal, which stands in another quarter of the town : but, just as Pickle's carriage had croffed the Prome-nade, he heard his own name bawled aloud by the painter; and ordering the facre to stop, faw Pallet with one half of his body thrust out at the window of the other coach, crying with a terrified look, 'Mr. Pickle, Mr. Pickle! for the love

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love of God, halt, and prevent bloodflied, elfe here will be carnage and
cutting of throats! Peregrine, furprized at this exclamation, immediately
alighted; and advancing to the other
vehicle, found one of their military companions flanding upon the ground, at
the farther fide of the coach, with his
fword drawn, and fury in his countenance; and the physician, with a quivering lip and haggard aspect, struggling with the other who had interposed
in the quarrel, and detained him in his

Our young gentleman, upon enquiry, found that this animonity had iprung from a dispute that happened upon the ramparts, touching the strength of the fortification, which the doctor, according to custom, under-valued, because it was a modern work; faying, that by the help of the military engines used among the ancients, and a few thousands of pioneers, he would engage to take it in less than ten days after he should fit down before it. The North Briton, who was as great a pedant as the phy-fician, having studied fortification, and made himself master of Cæsar's Commentaries and Polybius, with the observations of Folard, affirmed, that all the methods of belieging practifed by the ancients, would be utterly ineffectual against such a plan as that of the citadel of Lisle; and began to compare the Vineæ, Aggeres, Arietes, Scorpiones, and Catapultæ of the Romans, with the trenches, mines, batteries, and mortars, used in the present art of war. publican, finding himself attacked upon what he thought his strong fide, fummoned all his learning to his aid; and describing the famous siege of Platæa, happened to misquote a passage of Thucydides, in which he was corrected by the other, who having been educated for the church, was also a connoisseur in the Greek language. The doctor, incensed at being detected in such a blunder in presence of Pallet, who he knew would promulgate his shame, told the officer, with great arrogance, that his objection was frivolous, and that he must not pretend to dispute on these matters with one who had confidered them with the utmost accoracy and care. His antagonist, piqued at this supercilious infinuation, replied with great heat, that for aught he knew, the doctor might be a very expert apothecary, but that in the

art of war, and knowledge in the Greek tongue, he was no other than an ignorant pretender. This affeveration produced an answer full of virulence, in-cluding a national reflection upon the foldier's country; and the contention rose to mutual abuse, when it was suppressed by the admonitions of the other two, who begged they would not ex-pose themselves in a strange place, but behave themselves like fellow-subjects and friends. They accordingly ceased reviling each other, and the affair was feemingly forgot; but after they had refumed their places in the coach, the painter unfortunately asked the meaning of the word tortife, which he had heard them mention among the Roman implements of war. This question was anfwered by the physician, who described the nature of this expedient so little to the satisfaction of the officer, that he contradicted him flatly, in the midft of his explanation; a circumstance which provoked the republican to fuch a degree, that in the temerity of his passion, he uttered the epithet impertinent scoundrel! which was no fooner pronounced, than the Caledonian made manual application to his nofe, and leaping out of the coach, stood waiting for him on the plain; while he (the physician) made feeble efforts to join him, being eafily retained by the other foldier; and Pallet, dreading the consequence in which he himself might be involved, bellowed aloud for prevention.

Our hero endeavoured to quiet the commotion, by representing to the Scot, that he had already taken fatisfaction for the injury he had received; and telling the doctor that he had deferved the chastisement which was inflicted upon him : but the officer (encouraged perhaps by the confusion of his antagonist) infifted upon his asking pardon for what he had faid; and the doctor, believing himself under the protection of his friend Pickle, far from agreeing to fuch concession, breathed nothing but defiance and revenge: fo that the chevalier, in order to prevent mischief, put the soldier under arrelt, and fent him to his lodgings, under the care of the other French gentleman and his own companion; they being also accompanied by Mr. Jolter, who having formerly feen all the curiofities of Lifle, willingly furrendered his place to the physician.

CHAP. XVII.

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PICKLE ENGAGES WITH A KNIGHT OF MALTA, IN A CONVERSA-TION UPON THE ENGLISH STAGE, WHICH IS FOLLOWED BY A BIS-SERTATION ON THE THEATRES OP THE ANCIENTS BY THE DOC-TOR.

THE rest of the company proceed-viewed, together with some remarkable churches, they, in their return, went to the comedy, and saw the Cid of Cor-neille tolerably well represented. In consequence of this entertainment, the discourse at supper turned upon dramatick performances; and all the objections of Monf. de Scudery to the piece they had feen acted, together with the decision of the French academy, were canvaffed and discussed. The knight was a man of letters and taste, and particularly well acquainted with the ftate of the English stage; so that when the painter boldly pronounced sentence against the French manner of acting, on the strength of having frequented a Covent-Garden club of criticks, and being often admitted by virtue of an order into the pit, a comparison immediately ensued, not between the authors, but the actors of both nations, to whom the chevalier and Peregrine were no ftrangers. Our hero, like a good Englishman, made no scruple of giving the preference to the per-formers of his own country; who, he alledged, obeyed the genuine impulses of nature, in exhibing the passions of the human mind; and entered so warmly into the spirit of their several parts, that they often fancied themselves the very heroes they represented. Whereas, the action of the Parisian players, even in their most interesting characters, was generally such an extravagance in voice and gesture, as is no where to be observed but on the stage. To illustrate this affertion, he availed himself of his talent, and mimicked the manner and voice of all the principal performers, male and female, belonging to the French comedy, to the admiration of the chevalier; who having complimented him upon this furprizing modulation, begged leave to diffent in fome particu-lars from the opinion he had avowed. · That you have good actors in Eng-

land, faid he, it would be unjust and abfurd in me to deny; your theatre is adorned by one woman, whose fensibility and sweetness of voice is such as I have never observed on any other stage; she has, besides, an ele-gance of person and expression of seatures, that wonderfully adapt her for the most engaging characters of your best plays; and I must freely own that I have been as highly delighted and as deeply affected by a Monimia and Belvidera at London, as ever I was by a Cornelia and Cleopatra at Paris Your favourite actor is a furprizing genius. You can, moreover, boaft of feveral comick actors who are perfect masters of buffoonery and grimace; though, to be free with you, I think in these qualifications you are excelled by the players of Amsterdam. Yet one of your gracioso's I cannot admire, in all the characters he af-sumes. His utterance is a continual fing-fong, like the chanting of vespers, and his action resembles that of heaving ballast into the hold of a ship. In his outward deportment, he feems to have confounded the ideas of dignity and infolence of mien; acts the crafty, cool, defigning Crookback, as a loud, shallow, blustering Hector; in the character of the mild patriot Brutus, loses all temper and decorum nay, fo ridiculous is the behaviour of him and Cassius at their interview, that fetting foot to foot, and grinning at each other, with the aspect of two coblers enraged, they thrust their left fides together, with repeated shocks, that the hilts of their swords may clash for the entertainment of the audience; as if they were a couple of Merry-Andrews, endeavouring to raile the laugh of the yulgar, on some scaffold at Bartholomew fair. The despair of a great man who falls a facrifice to the infernal practices of a subtle traitor, that enjoyed his confidence, this English Æsopus represents, by beating his own forchead, and bellowing like a bull; and, indeed, in almost all his most interesting scenes, performs such strange shakings of the head, and other antick gesticulations, that when I first saw him act, I imagined the oor man laboured under that paralitical diforder, which is known by the name of St. Vitus's dance. In thort, he feemed to be a stranger to the more refined fensations of the soul, confequently his expression is of the vulgar kind, and he must often fink under the idea of the poet; so that he has recourse to such violence of affected agitation, as impofes upon the un-differning spectator, but to the eye of tatte, evinces him a mere player of that class whom your admired Shakespeare justly compares to nature's journeyman tearing a passion to rags. Yet this man, in spite of all these abfurdities, is an admirable Falstaff, exhibits the character of the eighth Henry to the life, is reasonably applauded in the Plain Dealer, excels in the part of Sir John Brute, and would be equal to many humorous fituations in low comedy, which his pride will not allow him to undertake. I should not have been so severe upon this actor, had I not feen him extolled by his partizans with the most ridiculous and fullome manifestations of praise, even in those very circumstances wherein (as I have observed) he chiefly failed.

Pickle, not a little piqued to hear the qualifications of fuch a celebrated actor in England treated with fuch freedom and difrespect, answered with some asperity, that the chevalier was a true critick, more industrious in observing the blemishes than in acknowledging the excellence of those who fell under his ex-

amination.

It was not to be supposed, that one actor could fhine equally in all characters; and though his observations were undoubtedly very judicious, he himself could not help wondering that some of them had always escaped his notice, though he had been an assiduous frequenter of the playhouse. 'The player in question,' said he, has, in your own opinion, a considerable share of merit in the characters of comick life; and as to the manners of the great perfonages in tragedy, and the operation of the grand paffions of the foul, I ap-prehend, they may be variously reprefented, according to the various complexion and cultivation of different men. A Spaniard, for example, though impelled by the same passion, will ex-press it very differently from a French-man; and what is looked upon as graceful vivacity; and address by the one, would be confidered as impertinence and foppery by the other : nay, so op-

polite is your common deportment from that of some other nations, that one of your own countrymen, in the relation of his travels, observes, that the Persians, even of this age, when they see any man perform unnecessary gestures, say he is either a fool or Frenchman. The standard of demeanour being thus unsettled, a Turk, a Moor, an Indian, or inhabitant of any country, whose customs and dress are widely different from ours, may, in his sentiments, possess all the dig-nity of the human heart, and be inspired by the noblest passion that animates the foul, and yet excite the laughter rather than the respect of an

European spectator. When I first beheld your famous Parisian stage-heroine, in one of her principal parts, her attitudes seemed so violent, and she tossed her arms around with fuch extravagance, that the put me in mind of a wind-mill under the agitation of a hard gale; while her voice and features exhibited the lively representation of an English fcold. The action of your favourite male performer was in my opinion equally unnatural; he appeared with the affected airs of a dancing-master; at the most pathetick junctures of his fate, he lifted up his hands above his head, like a tumbler going to vault, and spoke as if his throat had been obstructed by an hair-brush; yet, when I compared their manners with those of the people before whom they per-formed, and made allowance for that exaggeration which obtains on all theatres, I was infenfibly reconciled to their method of performance, and I could distinguish abundance of merit beneath that oddity of appearance.

The chevalier perceiving Peregrine a little irritated at what he had faid, asked pardon for the liberty he had taken, in censuring the English players; assuring him that he had an infinite veneration for the British learning, genius, and taste, which were so justly distinguished in the world of letters; and that notwithstanding the feverity of his criticisin, he thought the theatre of London much better supplied with actors than that of Paris. The young gentleman thanked him for his polite condescenfion, at which Pallet exulted, faying, with a shake of the head, ' I believe so too, Monsieur!' and the physician,

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impatient of the dispute in which he had bore no share, observed, with a super-cilious air, that the modern stage was altogether beneath the notice of one who had an idea of ancient magnificence and execution; that plays ought to be exhibited at the expence of the state, as those of Sophocles were by the Athenians; and that proper judges should be appointed for receiving or rejecting all such performances as are offered to the

publick.

He then described the theatre at Rome, which contained eighty thousand spec-tators; gave them a learned disquistion into the nature of the persona, or mask, worn by the Roman actors, which he said was a machine that covered the whole head, furnished on the inside with a brazen concavity, that by reverberating the found, as it iffued from the mouth, raised the voice, so as to render it audi-ble to such an extended audience. He explained the difference between the faltator and declamator, one of whom acted, while the other rehearfed the part; and from thence took occasion to mention the perfection of their pantomimes, who were to amazingly diffinct in the exercise of their art, that a certain prince of Pontus being at the court of Nero, and feeing one of them represent a story, begged him of the emperor, in order to employ him as an interpreter among barbarous nations, whose language he did not understand. Nay, divers cynick philosophers, who had condemned this entertainment unfeen, when they chanced to be eye witnesses of their admirable dexterity, expressed their forrow for having so long debarred themselves of fuch rational enjoyment.

He dissented, however, from the opinion of Peregrine; who, as a proof of their excellence, had advanced, that fome of the English actors fancied themselves the very thing they represented, and re-counted a story from Lucian, of a certain celebrated pantomime, who, in acting the part of Ajax in his phrenzy, was transported into a real fit of delirium, during which he tore to pieces the cloaths of that actor who stalked before him, beating the stage with iron shoes, in order to increase the noise; snatched an instrument from one of the musicians, and broke it over the head of him who represented Ulysses; and running to the confular bench, mistook a couple of senators for the sheep which were to be

flain. The audience applauded him to the fkies; but so conscious was the mimick of his own extravagance, when he recovered the use of his reason, that he actually fell sick with mortification; and being afterwards desired to re-act the piece, statly resuled to appear in any such character, saying, that the shortest follies were the best, and that it was sufficient for him to have been a madman once in his life,

CHAP. XVIII.

AN ADVENTURE HAPPENS TO PIPES,
IN CONSEQUENCE OF WHICH HE
IS DISMISSED FROM PEREGRINE'S
SERVICE. THE WHOLE COMPANY
SET OUT FOR GHENT IN THE DI-LIGENCE. OUR HERO IS CAPTI-VATED BY A LADY IN THAT CAR-RIAGE; INTERESTS HER SPIRI-TUAL DIRECTOR IN HIS BEHALF.

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THE doctor being fairly engaged on the subject of the ancients, would have proceeded the Lord knows how far, without hesitation, had not he been interrupted by the arrival of Mr. Jolter, who in great confusion told them, that Pipes having affronted a soldier, was then surrounded in the street, and would certainly be put to death, if some person of authority did not immediately interpose in his behalf.

Peregrine no sooner learned the danger of his trusty squire, than snatching up his sword, he ran down stairs, and was followed by the chevalier, intreating him to leave the affair to his management. Within ten yards of the door, they found Tom with his back to a wall, defending himself manfully with a mopstick against the assault of three or four soldiers, who at sight of the Maltese cross desisted from the attack, and were taken into custody by order of the knight. One of the aggressors being an Irishman, begged to be heard with great importunity, before he should be sent to the guard; and by the mediation of Pickle, was accordingly brought into the hotel, with his companions, all three bearing upon their heads and faces evident marks of their adversary's prowess and dexterity. The spokesman being confronted with Pipes, informed the company, that having by accident met with Mr. Pipes, whom he considered as

his countryman, though fortune had disposed of them in different services, he invited him to drink a glass of wine; and accordingly carried him to a caba-ret, where he introduced him to his comrades ; but in the course of the converfation, which turned upon the power and greatness of the kings of France and England, Mr. Pipes had been pleased to treat his Most Christian Majesty with great difrespect; and when he (the enfriendly manner about his impolite behaviour, observing, that he being in the French fervice, would be under the neceffity of refenting his abuse, if he did not put a stop to it before the other gen-tlemen of the cloth should comprehend his meaning, he had fet them all three at defiance, diffionoured him in particular with the opprobrious epithet of rebel to bis native king and country, and even drank (in broken French) to the perdition of Lewis and all his adherents! that, compelled by this outrage-ous conduct, he, as the person who had recommended him to their society, had, in vindication of his own character, demanded fatisfaction of the delinquent, who on pretence of fetching a fword, had gone to his lodging, from whence he all of a fudden fallied upon them with the mop-flick, which he employed in the annoyance of them all without diffinc-tion, so that they were obliged to draw in their own defence.

Pipes being questioned by his master, with regard to the truth of this account, owned that every circumstance of it was justly represented; saying, he did not value their cheese-toasters a pinch of oakum; and that if the gentleman had not hot in betwirt them, he would have trimmed them to fuch a tune, that they should not have had a whole yard to fquare. Peregrine reprimanded him sharply for his unmannerly behaviour, and infitted upon his asking pardon of those he had injured upon the spot. But no confideration was efficacious enough to produce fuch concession; to this command he was both deaf and dumb, and the repeated threats of his mafter had no more effect than if they had been addressed to a marble statue. At length our hero, incensed at his obstinacy, started up, and would have chastised him with manual operation, had not he been prevented by the chevalier, who found means to moderate his indigna-

tion fo far, that he contented himself with dismissing the offender from his fervice; and after having obtained the discharge of the prisoners, gave them a Louis to drink, by way of recompense for the disgrace and damage they had fultained.

The knight perceiving our young centleman very much ruffled at this accident, and reflecting upon the extraordinary deportment and appearance of his valet, whose hair had by this time adopted a grizzled hue, imagined he was some favourite domestick, who had grown grey in the service of his master's family, and that, of consequence, he was uneasy at the sacrifice he had made. Swayed by this conjecture, he earnestly solicited in his behalf; but all he could obtain, was a promise of re-admitting him into savour on the terms already proposed, or at least on condition that he should make his acknowledgment to the chevalier, for his want of reverence and respect for the French monarch.

Upon this condescension, the culprit was called up stairs, and made acquainted with the mitigation of his sate; upon which he said, he would down on his marrow bones to his own master, but would be damn'd before he would ask pardon of e'er a Frenchman in Christendom. Pickle, exasperated at this blunt declaration, ordered him out of his presence, and charged him never to appear before his face again; while the officer in vain employed all his influence and address to appease his resentment, and about midnight took his leave, with marks of mortification at his want of success.

Next day the company agreed to travel through Flanders in the diligence, by the advice of Peregrine, who was not without hope of meeting with some adventure or amusement in that carriage; and Jolter took care to secure places for them all. It being resolved that the valet de chambre and the doctor's man should attend the vehicle on horseback; and as for the forlorn Pipes, he was left to reap the fruits of his own stubborn disposition, notwithstanding the united efforts of the whole triumvirate, who endeavoured to procure his pardon.

Every previous measure being thus taken, they set out from Lisle about fix in the morning, and found themselves in the company of a female adventurer, a very handsome young lady, a capu-

thin, and a Rotterdam Jew. Our young gentleman being the first of this society that entered, surveyed the strangers with an attentive eye, and seated himself immediately behind the beautiful unknown, who at once attracted his attention. Pallet seeing another lady unengaged, in imitation of his friend, took pollettion of her neighbourhood; the physician paired with the priest, and John fat down by the Jew.

The machine had not proceeded many furlongs, when Pickle, accolling the fair incognita, congratulated himself upon his happiness, in being the fellowtraveller of lo charming a lady. She, without the least referve or affectation, thanked him for his compliment, and replied with a sprightly air, that now they were embarked in one common bottom, they must club their endeavours to make one another as happy as the nature of their fituation would permit them to be. Encouraged by this frank intimation, and captivated by her fine black eyes and easy behaviour, he attached himself to her from that moment; and in a little time the conversation became fo particular, that the capuchin thought proper to interfere in the difcourie, in such a manner as gave the youth to understand, that he was there on purpose to superintend her conduct, He was doubly rejoiced at this discovery, in consequence of which he hoped to profit in his addresses, not only by the young lady's restraint, that never fails to operate in behalf of the lover, but also by the corruptibility of her guardian, whom he did not doubt of rendering propitious to his cause. Flushed with these expectations, he behaved with uncommon complacency to the father, who was charmed with the affability of his carriage, and on the faith of his generofity abated of his vigilance to much, that our hero carried on his fuit without farther molestation; while the painter, in figns and loud burfts of laughter, conversed with his dulcinea, who was perfectly well versed in these simple expressions of fatisfaction, and had already found means to make a dangerous invalion upon his heart.

Nor were the governor and phylician unemployed, while their friends interested themselves in this agreeable manner, Johrer no fooner perceived the Hollander was a Jew, than he entered into an investigation of the Hebrew tongue, in

which he was a connoisseur; and the doctor at the fame time attacked the mendicant on the ridiculous maxims of his order, together with the impositions of priest-craft in general, which (he ob-ferved) prevailed so much among those who profess the Roman Catholick reli-

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Thus coupled, each committee enjoyed their own conversation apart, without any danger of encroachment; and all were fo intent upon their feveral topicks, that they scarce allowed themscives a small interval in viewing the desolation of Menin, as they passed through that ruined frontier. About twelve o'clock they arrived at Courtray, where the horses are always changed, and the company halt an hour for re-freshment. Here Peregrine handed his charmer into an apartment, where she was joined by the other lady; and on pretence of feeing fome of the churches in town, put himfelf under the direction of the capuchin, from whom he learned that the young lady was wife to a French gentleman, to whom the had been married about a year, and that she was now on her journey to visit her mo-ther, who lived in Bruffels, and who at that time laboured under a lingering diffemper, which, in all probability, would foon put a period to her life. He then launched out in praise of her daughter's virtue and conjugal affection; and lastly told him, that he was her father confessor, and pitched upon to be her conductor through Flanders, by her husband, who, as well as his wife, placed the utmost confidence in his prudence and integrity,

Pickle easily comprehended the meaning of this infinuation, and took the hint accordingly. He tickled the prieft's vanity with extraordinary encomiums upon the difinterested principles of his order, which were detached from all worldly pursuits, and altogether devoted to the eternal falvation of mankind. He applauded their patience, humility, and learning, and lavished a world of praise upon their talent in preaching, which (he faid) had more than once operated to powerfully upon him, that had he not been refrained by certain confiderations which he could not possibly wave, he should have embraced their tenets, and begged admission into their fraternity: but, as the circumstances of his fate would not permit him to take such

a falutary measure for the present, he intreated the good father to accept a small token of his love and respect, for the benefit of that convent to which he belonged. So saying, he pulled out a purse of ten guineas, which the capuchin observing, turned his head another way, and listing up his arm, displayed a pocket almost as high as his collar-bone, in which he deposited the money.

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produced a fudden and furprizing effect upon the friar. In the transport of his zeal he wrung this femi-convert's hand, howered a thousand benedictions upon his head, and exhorted him with the tears flowing from his eyes, to perfect the great work which the finger of God had begun in his heart; and as an instance of his concern for the welfare of his precious foul, the holy brother promifed to recommend him strenuously to the pious admonitions of the young woman under his care, who was a perfect faint upon earth, and endued with the peculiar gift of mollifying the hearts of obdurate finners. O father!' cried the hypocritical projector, who by this time perceived that his money was not thrown away, " if I could be fa-' voured but for one half hour with the private inftraction of that inspired devotee, my mind prefages, that I should be a strayed sheep brought back into the fold, and that I should find easy entrance at the gates of heaven! There is fomething supernatural in her aspect;
I gaze upon her with the most pious fervor, and my whole foul is agitated with tumults of hope and despair! Having pronounced this rhapfody with transport half natural and half affected, the prieft affured him, that these were operations of the spirit, which must not be repressed; and comforted him with the hope of enjoying the bleffed interview which he defired; protefting, that as far as his influence extended, his wish should be that very evening indulged. The gracious pupil thanked him for his benevolent concern, which he fivore should not be squandered upon an ungrateful object; and the rest of the company interrupting the convertation, they returned in a body to the inn, where they dined all together, and the ladies were perfuaded to be our hero's

As the subjects on which they had been engaged before dinner were not

exhausted, each brace refumed their former theme, when they were replaced in
the diligence. The painter's mistress
finished her conquest, by exerting her
skill in the art of ogling, accompanied
by frequent bewitching sighs, and some
tender French songs; that the sung with
such pathetick expression, as quite melted the resolution of Pallet, and utterly
subdued his affection: and he, to convince her of the importance of her victory, gave a specimen of his own talents, by entertaining her with that celebrated English ditty, the burden of
which begins with, "The pigs they lie
"with their aries bare."

CHAP. XIX.

HE MAKES SOME PROGRESS IN HER AFFECTIONS; IS INTERRUPTED BY A DISPUTE BETWEEN JOLTER AND A JEW; APPEASES THE WRATH OP THE CAPUCHIN, WHO PROGURES FOR HIM AN INTERVIEW WITH HIS FAIR ENSLAVER, IN WHICH HE FINDS HIMSELF DECRIVED.

DEREGRINE, meanwhile, employed all his infinuation and address in practising upon the heart of the capuchin's fair charge. He had long ago declared his paffion, not in the superficial manner of a French gallant, but with all the ardour of an enthuliaft. He had languished, vowed, flattered, killed her hand by flealth, and had no reason to complain of his reception. Though by a man of less fanguine difpolition, her particular complainance would have been deemed equivocal, and perhaps nothing more than the effect of French breeding and conflictional vi-vacity; he gave his own qualifications credit for the whole, and with these sentiments carried on the attack with fuch unabating vigour, that the was actually prevailed upon to accept a ring, which he presented as a token of his esteem; and every thing proceeded in a most prosperous train, when they were disturbed by the governor and Israelite, who in the heat of disputation raised their voices, and poured forth such ef-fusions of gutturals, as set our lover's teerli on edge. As they spoke in a language unknown to every one in the carriage but themselves, and looked at each

other with mutual animofity and ranether with mutual animolity and rancour, Peregrine defired to know the
cause of their contention. Upon which,
Jolter exclaimed in a furious tone,
This learned Levite, forsooth, has the
impudence to tell me that I don't understand Hebrew; and affirms, that
the word Benoni fignifies child of jay;
whereas I can prove, and indeed have
already said enough to convince any reasonable man, that in the Septuagint it is rightly translated into fon of my forrow. Having thus explained himself to his pupil, he turned to the priest, with intention to appeal to his determination; but the Jew pulled him. by the sleeve with great eagerness, saying, ' For the love of God be quiet, the capuchin will discover who we are!" Julter, offended at this conjunction, echoed, 'Who we are!' with great emphasis; and repeating nos poma natamus, asked ironically, to which of the tribes the Jew thought he belonged. The Levite affronted at his comparing him to a ball of horse-dung, replied with a most significant grin, 'To the 'tribe of Islachar,' His antagonis, taking the advantage of his unwillingness to be known by the friar, and prompted by revenge for the freedom he had used, answered in the French language, that the judgment of God was still manifest upon their whole race, not only in their being in the state of exiles from their native land, but also in the spite of their hearts and pravity of their dispositions, which demonstrate them to be the genuine offspring of those who crucified the Saviour of the world.

His expectation was, however, defeated; the priest himself was too deeply engaged, to attend to the debates of other people. The physician, in the pride and insolence of his learning, had undertaken to display the absurdity of the Christian faith; having already (as he thought) confuted the capuchin, touching the points of belief in which the Roman Catholicks differ from the rest of the world. But not contented with the imagined victory he had gained, he began to strike at the fundamentals of religion; and the father, with incredible forbearance, suffered him to make very free with the doctrine of the Trinity; but, when he levelled the shafts of his ridicule at the immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin, the good man's patience torsook him, his eyes

feemed to kindle with indignation, he trembled in every joint, and uttered with a loud voice, 'Thou art an abominable—I will not call thee heretick, for thou art worfe (if possible) than a lew; you deferve to be inclosed in a furnace seven times heated, and I have a good mind to lodge an information against you with the Governor of Ghent, that you may be apprehended and punished as an impious

blasphemer. This menace operated like a charm upon all present. The doctor was confounded; the governor diffnayed; the Levite's teeth chattered; the painter was aftonished at the general confusion, the cause of which he could not comprehend; and Pickle himfelf, not a little alarmed, was obliged to use all his interest and assiduity in appealing this fon of the church; who, at length, in confideration of the friendship he profelled for the young gentleman, confented to forgive what had passed, but absolutely refused to fit in contact with fuch a profane wretch, whom he looked upon as a fiend of darkness, sent by the enemy of mankind to poifon the minds of weak people; fo that, after having croffed himfelf, and muttered certain exorcifms, he infilted upon the doctor's changing places with the Jew, who approached the offended ecclefiastick in an agony of

Matters being thus compromised, the conversation flowed in a more general channel; and without the intervention of any other accident, or bone of contention, the carriage arrived at the city of Ghent about seven in the evening. Supper being bespoke for the whole company, our adventurer and his friends went out to take a superficial view of the place, leaving his new mistress to the pious exhortations of her confessor, whom (as we have already observed) he had secured in his interest. This zealous mediator spoke so warmly in his commendation, and interested her conscience so much in the affair, that the could not refuse her helping hand to the great work of his conversion, and promifed to grant the interview he defired. da

This agreeable piece of intelligence, which the capuchin communicated to Peregrine at his return, elevated his fpirits to such a degree, that he shone at supper with uncommon brilliance, in a

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thousand fallies of wit and pleasantry, to the admiration and delight of all present, especially of his fair Fleming, who seemed quite captivated by his person and behaviour.

The evening being thus fpent to the Atisfaction of all parties, the company broke up, and retired to their feveral apartments, when our lover, to his unspeakable mortification, learned that the two ladies were obliged to lie in the fame room, all the other chambers of the inn being pre-occupied. When he imparted this difficulty to the prieft, that charitable father, who was very fruitful in expedients, affured him, that his spiritual concerns should not be obstructed by fuch a flender impediment; and accordingly availed himself of his prerogative, by going in to his daughter's chamber when the was almost undressed, and leading her into his own, on pretence of administering salutary food for her foul. Having brought the two votaries together, he prayed for fuccess to the operations of grace; and left them to their mutual meditations, after having conjured them in the most solemn man. ner to let no impure fentiments, or temptations of the flesh, interfere with the hallowed defign of their meeting.

The reverend intercessor being gone, and the door fastened on the infide, the pleudo-convert, transported with his paffion, threw himfelf at his Amanda's feet; and begging she would spare him the tedious form of addresses, which the nature of their interview would not permit him to observe, began with all the impetuofity of love to make the most by the occasion. But whether she was difpleafed by the intrepidity and affurance of his behaviour, thinking herself intitled to more courtship and respect, or was really better fortified with chaftity than he or his procurer had supposed her to be, certain it is, she expressed resent-ment and surprize at his boldness and prefumption, and upbraided him with having imposed upon the charity of the friar. The young gentleman was really as much aftonished at this rebuff, as she pretended to be at his declaration, and earnestly entreated her to consider how precious the moments were, and for once facrifice superfluous ceremony, to the happiness of one who adored her with fuch a flame, as could not fail to confume his vitals, if the would not deign to bless him with her favour, Notwith-

flanding all his tears, vows, and fupplications, his personal accomplishments, and the tempting opportunity, all that he could obtain, was an acknowledgment of his having made an impression upon her heart, which the hoped the dictates of her duty would mable her to erafe. This confession he considered as a delicate confent; and obeying the impulse of his love, fnatched her up in his arms, with an intention of feizing that which she declined to give; when this French Lucretia, unable to defend her virtue any other way, fcreamed alond and the capuchin, fetting his shoulder to the door, forced it open, and entered in an affected extaly of amazement. He lifted up his hands and eyes, and pretended to be thunderstruck at the difcovery he had made; then, in broken exclamations, professed his horror at the wicked intention of our hero, who had covered fuch a damnable scheme with the mask of religion.

In thore, he performed his one with fuch dexterity, that the lady believing him in earnest, begged he would forgive the stranger, on account of his youth and education, which had been tainted by the errors of heresy; and he was on these considerations content to accept the submission of our hero, who, far from renouncing his expectations, notwithstanding this mortifying repulse, consided so much in his own talents, and the confession which his mistress had made, that he resolved to make another effort, to which nothing could have prompted him but the utmost turbulence of unruly desire.

CHAP. XX.

HE MAKES ANOTHER EFFORT TO-WARDS THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF HIS WISH, WHICH IS POST-PONED BY A STRANGE ACCI-DENT.

HE directed his valet de chambre, who was a thorough-paced pimp, to kindle some straw in the yard, and then pass by the door of her apartment, crying with a loud voice, that the house was on fire. This alarm brought both ladies out of their chambers in a moment, and Peregrine taking the advantage of their running to the street-door, entered the room and concealed himself

under a large table that flood in an una lady begged him for Heaven's fake to observed corner. The nymphs, as soon retreat, or her reputation would be as they understood the cause of his Mercury's supposed affright, returned to their sented to her, that her character would apartment, and having said their prayers, run a much greater risk, if he should be undressed themselves and went to bed, detected in withdrawing, she consented This feene, which fell under the observation of Pickle, did not at all contribute to the cooling of his concupifcence, but on the contrary inflamed him to fuch a degree, that he could fearce reftrain his impatience, until by her breathing deep, he concluded the fellow-lodger of his Amanda was affeep. This welcome note no fooner faluted his ears, than he crept to his charmer's bed-fide; and placing himself on his knees, gently laid hold on her white hand, and present it. to his lips. She had just begun to close her eyes, and enjoy the agreeable op-pression of sumber, when she was rouzed by this rape, at which the started, promouncing, in a tone of furprize and dif-may, 'My God! who's that the Ther lover, with the most infinuating humility, befought her to hear him; vowing that his intention in approaching her thus, was not to violate the laws of des cency, or that indelible efteem which the had engraven on his heart; but to maumbrage he had given, to pour forth the overflowings of his foul, and tell her that he neither could nor would furvive her displeasure. These and many more pathetick protestations, accompanied with fighs and tears, and other expreffions of grief, which our hero had at command, could not fail to melt the tender heart of the amiable Fleming, already prepoffessed in favour of his qualifications. She sympathized so much with his affliction, as to weep in her turn, when the represented the impossibility of her rewarding his passion; and he, seizing the favourable moment, reinforced his folicitations with fuch irrefiftible transports, that her resolution gave way the began to breathe quick, expressed her fear of being overheard by the other lady, and with an ejaculation of, "O Heavens ! I'm undone!' fuffered him, aften a faint struggle, to make a lodgment upon the covered way of her bed. Her honour, however, was fecured for the prefent, by a strange fort of knocking upon the wainfcot, at the other end! of the room, hard by the bed in which the female adventurer lay.

Surprized at this circumstance, the

run a much greater risk, if he should be detected in withdrawing, she consented with great trepidation to his stay, and they liftened in filence to the fequel of the neife that alarmed them. This was no other than an expedient of the paint ter, to awaken his dulcinea, with whom he had made an affiguration, or at leaft! interchanged fuch figurals as he thought? amounted to a firm appointment. Hist nymph being diffurbed in her first fleep, immediately understood the found, and true to the agreement, rofe, and unbolt? ing the door as foftly as possible, gave more commodious retreat.

. While this happy gallant was employed in disengaging himself from the dishabile in which he had entered, the capuchin fuspecting that Peregrine would make another attempt upon his charge, had crept filently to the apartment, in order to reconnective, left the adventure should be archieved without his knowe ledge; a circumftance that would deprive him of the profits the might expect from his privity and concurrence. Friding the door unlatelied, his fulpicion was confirmed, and he made no feruple: of creeping into the chamber on all fours to that the painter having stripped himself to the fhirt, in groping about for his dulcinea's bed, chanced to lay his hand upon the shaven crown of the father's head, which, by a circular motion, the prieft began to turn round in his grasp, like a ball in a facket, to the surprize and consternation of poor Pallet, who having neither penetration to comprehend the cause, nor resolution to withdraw his fingers from this strange object of his touch, flood fweating in the dark, and venting ejaculations with great decite, and the painful posture in which he stooped, raised himself gradually upon his feet, heaving up at the same time the hand of the painter, whose terror and amazement increased to such a degree at this unaccountable elevation, that his faculties began to fail; and his palm in the confusion of his fright sliding over the priest's foreheady one of his fingers happened to flip into his mouth, and was immediately fecured between the capuchin's teeth, with as firm a fixture as if

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it had been screwed in a blacksmith's if discharged by the arm of a giant, wice. The painter was fo much difore which overthrew him in an inflant upon dered by this fudden inap, which tor-tured him to the bone, that forgetting all other confiderations, he roared aloud, Murder! a fire! a trap, a trap! help, Christians! for the love of God, help! Our hero, confounded by thefe exclamations, which he knew would foon fill the room with spectators, and incensed at his own mortifying disappointment, was obliged to quit the untailed banquet; and approaching the cause of his misfortune, just as his tormentor had thought proper to release his finger, discharged fuch a hearty flap between his shoulders, as brought him to the ground with hideous bellowing; then retiring unperceived, to his own chamber, was one of the first who returned with a light, on pretence of having been alarmed with his cries. The capuchin had taken the fame precaution, and followed Peregrine into the room, pronouncing Benedicite, and croffing himfelf with many marks of aftonishment. The physician and Joster appearing at the same time, the unfortunate painter was found lying naked on the floor, in all the agony of horror and difinay, blowing upon his left-hand, that hung dangling from the elbow. The circumstance of his being found in that apartment, and the attitude of his affliction, which was extremely ridiculuous, provoked the doctor to a smile, and produced a small relaxation in the severity of the governor's countenance; while Pickle, teftifying surprize and concern, lifted him from the ground, and enquired into the cause of his preient fituation. Having, after some recollection, and fruitless endeavours to speak, recovered the use of his tongue, he told them, that the house was certainly haunted by evil fpirits, by which he had been conveyed (he knew not how) into that apartment, and afflicted with all the tortures of hell: that one of them had made itself sensible of his feeling, in the shape of a round ball of fmooth flesh, which turned round under his hand, like an aftronomer's globe, and then rifing up to a furprizing height, was converted into a machine that laid hold on his finger, by a fnap, and having pinned him to the spot, he continued for some moments in unspeakable agony. At last he said the engine seemed to melt away from his finger, and he received a sudden thwack upon his shoulders, as

the floor. The priest hearing this strange account, pulled out of one of his pouches a piece of confecrated candle, which he lighted immediately, and muttered cer-tain mysterious conjurations. Joster, imagining that Pallet was drunk, shook his head, faying, he believed the spirit was no where but in his own brain. The phylician, for once condescended to be a wag, and looking towards one of the beds, observed, that, in his opinion, the painter had been misled by the flesh, and not by the spirit. The fair Fleming lay in filent aftonishment and affright; and her fellow-lodger, in order to acquit herfelf of all fuspicion, exclaimed with incredible volubility against the author of this uproar, who (she did not doubt) had concealed himfelf in the apartment, with a view of perpetrating some wicked attempt upon her precious virtue, and was punished and prevented by the immediate interposition of Heaven. At her desire, therefore, and at the earnest solicitation of the other lady, he was conducted to his own bed, and the chamber being evacuated, they locked their door, fully refolved to admit no more vifitants for that night: while Peregrine, mad with feeing the delicious morfel, fnatched (as it were) from his very lip, stalked through the passage, like a ghost, in hope of finding some opportunity of re-entering, till the day beginning to break, he was obliged to retire, curfing the idiotical conduct of the painter, which had fo unluckily interfered with his delight.

CHAP. XXI.

THEY DEPART FROM GHENT. OUR HERO ENGAGES IN A POLITICAL DISPUTE WITH HIS MISTRESS. WHOM HE OFFENDS, AND PACI-FIES WITH SUBMISSION. HE PRACTISES AN EXPEDIENT TO DETAIN THE CARRIAGE AT ALOST, AND CONFIRMS THE PRIEST IN HIS INTEREST.

NEXT day, about one o'clock, after having feen every thing remarkable in town, and been present at the execution of two youths, who were hanged for ravishing a whore; they took? their departure from Ghent, in the fame

ed, the Flemish beauty expressed great fyunpathy and compassion for the unhappy sufferers, who (as she had been informed) had fallen victims to the matice of the accuser. Her sentiments were espoused by all the company, exept the French lady of pleasure; who, thinking the credit of the fifterhood concerned in the affair, bitterly inveighed against the profligacy of the age, and particularly the base and villainous attempts of man upon the chaftity of the weaker fex; faying, with a look of indignation directed to the painter, that for her own part, the should never be able to manifest the acknowledgment she owed to Providence, for having pro-tected her last night from the wicked aims of unbridled lust. This observation introduced a feries of jokes, at the expence of Pallet, who hung his ears, and fat with a filent air of dejection, fearing that through the malevolence of the phytician, his adventure might reach the ears of his wife. Indeed, though we have made shift to explain the whole transaction to the reader, it was an inextricable mystery to every individual in the diligence; because the part which was acted by the capuchin was known to himself alone; and even he was utterly ignorant of Pickle's being concerned in the affair; so that the greatest share of the painter's fufferings were supposed to be the exaggerations of his own extravagant imagination.

In the midt of their discourse on this extraordinary subject, the driver told them, that they were now on the very fpot where a detachment of the allied army had been intercepted and cut off by the French; and stopping the vehicle, entertained them with a local description of the battle of Melle. Upon this occasion, the Flemish lady, who, since her marriage, had become a keen partizan for the French, gave a minute detail of all the circumstances, as they had been represented to her by her husband s brother, who was in the action. This account, which funk the number of the French to fixteen, and raised that of the allies to twenty thousand men, was fo disagreeable to truth, as well as to the laudable partiality of Peregrine; that he ventered to contradict her affertions; and a fierce dispute commenced.

carriage which had brought them this that not only regarded the prefent queftither; and the conversation turning uption, but also comprehended all the baten the punishment they had seen inflicttles in which the Duke of Marlborough had commanded against Lewis the Four-teenth. In the course of these debates, she divested the great general of all the glory he had acquired, by affirming, that every victory he gained was pur-posely lost by the French generals, in order to bring the schemes of Madam de Maintenon into discredit; and as a particular inftance, alledged that while the citadel of Lifle was befieged, Lewis faid, in presence of the dauphin, that if the allies should be obliged to raife the fiege, he would immediately declare his marriage with that lady; upon which, the fon fent private orders to Marshal Boufflers to surrender the place. This firange allegation was supported by the affeverations of the priest and the courtezan, and admitted as truth by the governor, who pretended to have heard it from good authority: while the doctor fat neutral, as one who thought it feandalous to know the history of fuch modern events. The Ifraelite, being a true Dutchman, lifted himfelf under the banners of our hero; who, in attempting to demonstrate the absurdity and improbability of what they had advanced, raised such a hue and cry against him-felf, and being insensibly heated in the altercation, irritated his Amanda to such a degree, that her charming eyes kindled with fury, and he faw great reason to think, that if he did not fall upon fome method to deprecate her wrath, she would in a twinkling facrifice all her esteem for him, to her own zeal for the glory of the French nation. Moved by this apprehension, his ardour cooled by degrees, and he infenfibly detached himfelf from the argument, leaving the whole care of supporting it the Jew; who, finding himself deserted, was fain to yield with discretion; so that the French remained matters of the field, and their young heroine resumed her good humour.

Our hero having prudently fubmitted to the fuperior intelligence of his fair enflaver, began to be haraffed with the fears of loing her for ever, and fet his invention at work, to contrive fome means of indemnifying himself for his affiduities, presents, and the disappointment he had already undergone. On pretence of enjoying a freer air, he mounted the box, and employed his clo-

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eution and generolity with fuch fuccefs, that the driver undertook to disable the diligence from proceeding beyond the town of Aloft for that day; and in consequence of his promise, gently over-turned it when they were but a mile fhort of that baiting place. He had taken his measures so discreetly, that this accident was attended with no other inconvenience than a fit of fear that took possession of the ladies, and the necessity to which they were reduced by the declaration of the coachman, who, upon examining the carriage, affured the company that the axle-tree had given way, and advised them to walk forward to the inn, while he would jog after them at a flow pace, and do his endeavour the damage should be immediately repaired. Peregrine pretended to be very much concerned at what had happened, and even curfed the driver for his inadvertency, expressing infinite impatience to be at Bruffels, and wishing that this misfortune might not detain them another night upon the road; but when his under-strapper, according to his instructions, came afterwards to the inn, and gave them to understand that the workman he had employed could not possibly refit the machine in less than fix hours, the crafty youth affected to lose all temper, stormed at his emissary, whom he reviled in the most opprobrious terms, and threatened to cane for his misconduct. fellow protefted, with great humility, that their being overturned was owing to the failure of the axle-tree, and not to his want of care or dexterity in driving; though rather than be thought the cause of incommoding him, he would enquire for a post-chaife, in which he might depart for Bruffels immediately. This expedient Pickle rejected, unless the whole company could be accommodated in the same manner; and he had been previously informed by the driver, that the town could not furnish more than one vehicle of that fort. His governor, who was quite ignorant of his scheme, represented that one night would foon be paffed; and exhorted him to bear this small disappointment with a good grace, especially as the house seemed to be well provided for their entertainment, and the company so much disposed to be fociable. The capuchin, who had found his account in cultivating the acquaintance of the young stran-

ger, was not ill-pleased at this event, which might, by protracting the term of their intercourse, yield him some opportunity of profiting still farther by his liberality: he therefore joined Mr. Jolter in his admonitions, congratulating himself upon the prospect of enjoying his conversation a little longer than he had expected. Our young gentleman received a compliment to the same purpose from the Hebrew, who had that day exercised his gallantry upon the French coquette, and was not without hope of reaping the fruits of his attention; his rival, the painter, being quite difgraced and dejected by the adventure of last night. As for the doctor, he was too much ingroffed in the contemplation of his own importance, to interest himself in the affair, or it's confequences, farther than by observing, that the European powers ought to effablish publick games, like those that were celebrated of old in Greece; in which case, every state would be supplied with fuch dextrous charioteers, as would drive a machine at full speed, within a hair's breadth of a precipice, without any danger of it's being overthrown. Peregrine could not help yielding to their remonstrances, and united complaifance, for which he thanked them in very polite terms; and his paffion feeming to fubfide, proposed they should amuse themselves in walking round the ramparts. He hoped to enjoy fome private conversation with his admired Fleming, who had this whole day behaved with remarkable referve. proposal being embraced, he (as usual) handed her into the street, and took all opportunities of promoting his fuit; but they were attended fo closely by her father confessor, that he foresaw it would be impracticable to accomplish his aim, without the connivance of that ecclefiaftick. This he was obliged to purchase with another purse, which he offered, and was accepted as a charitable atonement for his criminal behaviour during the interview which the friar had procured for the good of his foul. The benefaction was no fooner made, than the pious mendicant edged off by little and little, till he joined the rest of the company, leaving his generous patron at full liberty to profecute his purpose. It is not to be doubted that our adventurer made a good use of this oc-casion: he practised a thousand flowers

of rhetorick, and actually exhausted his whole address, in persuading her to have compassion upon his misery, and indulge him with another private audience, without which he should run distracted, and be guilty of extravagances, which, in the humanity of her disposition, she would weep to see. But, instead of complying with his request, she chid him severely for his presumption, in prosecuting her with his vicious addreffes. She affured him, that although the had secured a chamber for herself in this place, because she had no ambition to be better acquainted with the other lady, he would be in the wrong to difturb her with another nocturnal vifit; for the was determined to deny him admittance. The lover was comforted by this hint, which he understood in the true acceptation; and his passion being inflamed by the obstacles he had met with, his heart beat high with the pro-fpect of possession. These raptures of expectation produced an inquietude, which disabled him from bearing that share of the conversation for which he used to be distinguished. His behaviour at supper was a viciffitude of startings and reveries. The capuchin, imputing this diforder to a fecond repulse from his charge, began to be invaded with the apprehension of being obliged to refund, and in a whisper forbade our hero to despair.

CHAP. XXII.

THE FRENCH COQUETTE ENTRAPS
THE HEART OF THE JEW, AGAINST WHOM PALLET ENTERS
INTO A CONSPIRACY; BY WHICH
PEREGRINE IS AGAIN DISAPPOINTED, AND THE HEBREW'S
INCONTINENCE EXPOSED.

ren, baulked in her defign upon her English cully, who was so easily disheartened, and hung his ears in manifest despondence, rather than run the risk of making a voyage that should be altogether unprofitable, resolved to practise her charms upon the Dutch merchant. She had already made such innovation upon his heart, that he cultivated her with peculiar complacency, gazed upon her with a most libidinous stare, and unbended his aspect into a

grin that was truly Ifraelitish. The painter saw, and was offended at this correspondence, which he considered as an insult upon his missortune, as well as an evident preference of his rival; and conscious of his own timidity, swallowed an extraordinary glass, that his invention might be stimulated, and his resolution raised to the contrivance and execution of some scheme of revenge. The wine, however, failed in the ex-pected effect, and without inspiring him with the plan, served only to quicken his defire of vengeance; fo that he communicated his purpose to his friend Peregrine, and begged his affistance; but our young gentleman was too intent upon his own affair, to mind the concerns of any other person; and he declining to be engaged in the project, Pallet had recourse to the genius of Pickle's valet de chambre, who readily embarked in the undertaking, and invented a plan, which was executed accordingly.

The evening being pretty far advanced, and the company separated into their respective apartments, Pickle repaired, in all the impatience of youth and defire, to the chamber of his charmer, and finding the door unbolted, entered in a transport of joy. By the light of the moon, which shone through the window, he was conducted to her bed, which he approached in the utmost agitation; and perceiving her to all appearance afleep, effayed to wake her with a gentle kiss; but this method proved ineffectual, because the was determined to fave herself the confusion of being an accomplice in his guilt. He repeated the application, murmured a most pasfionate falutation in her ear, and took fuch other gentle methods of fignifying his presence, as persuaded him that she was resolved to sleep, in spite of all his endeavours. Flushed with this agreeable supposition, he locked the door, in order to prevent interruption, and stealing himself under the cloaths, set fortune at defiance, while he held the fair creature circled in his arms.

Nevertheless, near as he seemed to be to the happy accomplishment of his defire, his hope was again frustrated with a fearful noise, which in a moment awaked his Amanda in a fright, and for the present engaged all his attention. His valet de chambre, whom Pallet had consulted as a consederate in

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his revenge against the lady of pleasure and her Jewish gallant, had hired of certain Bohemians, who chanced to lodge at the inn, a jack ass adorned with bells, which, when every body was retired to rest, and the Hebrew supposed to be bedded with his mistrefs, they led up flairs into a long thoroughfare, from which the chambers were detached on each fide. The painter, perceiving the lady's door a-jar, according to his expectation, mounted this animal, with intention to ride into the room, and difturb the lovers in the midst of their mutual endearments; but the ass, true to it's kind, finding himself bestrid by an unknown rider, instead of advancing in obedience to his conductor, retreated backward to the other end of the paffage, in spite of all the efforts of the painter, who spurred and kicked, and pummelled to no purpose. It was the noise of this convention between Pallet and the afs, which invaded the ears of Peregrine and his mistress, neither of whom could form the least rational conjecture about the cause of such strange disturbance, which increased as the animal approached their apartment. At length, the bourique's retrograde motion was obstructed by the door, which it forced open, in a twinkling, with one kick, and entered with fuch complication of found, as terrified the lady almost into a fit, and threw her lover into the utmost perplexity and confusion. The painter, finding himself thus violently intruded into the bedchamber of he knew not whom, and dreading the refentment of the possessor, who might discharge a pistol at him as a robber who had broke into his apartment, was overwhelmed with consternation, and redoubled his exertion to accomplish a speedy retreat, sweating ail the time with fear, and putting up petitions' to Heaven for his safety; but his obstinate companion, regardless of his situation, instead of submitting to his conduct, began to turn round like a millitone, the united found of his feet and bells producing a most sur-prizing concert. The unfortunate rider, whirling about in this manner, would have quitted his feat, and left the beaft to his own amusement, but the rotation was so rapid, that the terror of a severe fall hindered him from attempting to difmount, and in the desperation of his heart, he feized one of it's ears, which

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he pinched fo unmercifully, that the creature fet up his throat, and brayed aloud. This hideous exclamation was no fooner heard by the fair Fleming, already chilled with panick, and prepared with fuperstition, than believing herself visited by the devil, who was permitted to punish her for her infidelity to the marriage-bed, the uttered a scream, and began to repeat her pater-noster with a loud voice. Her lover, finding himfelf under the necessity of retiring, started up, and stung with the most violent pangs of rage and dilappointment, ran directly to the fpot from whence this diabolical noise seemed to proceed. There encountering the als, he discharged such a volley of blows at him and his rider, that the creature carried him off at a round trot, and they roared in unison Having thus cleared the all the way. room of fuch disagreeable company, he went back to his mistress, and assuring her, that this was only some foolish prank of Pallet, took his leave, with a promise of returning after the quiet of the inn should be established.

In the mean time the noise of the bourique, the cries of the painter, and the lady's fcream, had alarmed the whole house; and the ass, in the precipitation of his retreat, seeing people with lights before him, took shelter in the apartment for which he was at first defigned, just as the Levite, arouzed at the uproar, had quitted his dulcinea, and was attempting to recover his own chamber unperceived. Seeing himfelf opposed by such an animal, mounted by a tall, meagre, lanthorn-jaw'd figure, half naked, with a white night-cap upon his head, which added to the natural paleness of his complexion, the Jew was forely troubled in mind, and believing it to be an apparition of Balaam and his afs, fled backward with a nimble. pace, and crept under the bed, where he lay concealed. Mr. Jolter, and the priest, who were the foremost of those who had been arouzed by the noise, were not unmoved when they law fuch a spectacle rushing into his chamber, from whence the lady of pleasure began to shriek. The governor made a full halt, and the capuchin discovered no inclination to proceed. They were, however, by the pressure of the crowd that followed them, thrust forward to the door, through which the vision entered; and there Jolter, with great ceremony, complimented plimented his reverence with the pas, efeeching him to walk in. The mendicant was too courteous and humble to accept this preheminence, and a very earnest dispute ensued; during which the afs, in the course of his circuit, shewed himself and rider, and in a trice decided the contest; for, struck with this fecond glimpfe, both, at one instant, sprung backward with such force, as overturned their next men, who communicated the impulse to those that frood behind them, and these again to others; so that the whole passage was strewed with a long file of people, that lay in a line, like the sequel and dependance of a pack of cards. In the midft of this havock, our hero returned from his own room with an air of aftonishment, asking the cause of this uproar. Receiving fuch hints of intelligence as Jolter's confernation would permit him to give, he fnatched the candle out of his hand, and advanced into the haunted chamber without hefitation, being followed by all present, who broke forth into a long and loud peal of laughter, when they perceived the ludicrous source of their disquiet. The painter himself made an effort to join their mirth, but he had been so harrowed by fear, and smarted so much with the pain of the discipline he had received from Pickle, that he could not, with all his endeavour, vanquish the ruefulness of his countenance. His attempt ferved only to increase the aukwardness of his situation, which was not at all mended by the behaviour of the coquette, who, furious with her difappointment, flipped on a petticoat and bed-gown, and fpringing upon him, like another Hecuba, with her nails, deprived all one fide of his nose of the fkin, and would not have left him an eye to fee through, if some of the company had not refcued him from her unmerciful talons. Provoked at this outrage, as well as by her behaviour to him in the diligence, he publickly explained his intention in entering her chamber in this equipage; and miffing the Hebrew among the spectators, asfured them that he must have absconded somewhere in the apartment. In purfuance of this intimation, the room was immediately fearched, and the mortified Levite pulled by the heels from his lurking-place; fo that Pallet had the good fortune, at last, to transfer the

laugh from himfelf to his rival and the French inamorata, who accordingly underwent the ridicule of the whole audience.

CHAP. XXIII.

BALLET ENDEAVOURING TO UN-RAYEL THE MYSTERY OF THE TREATMEN THE HAD RECEIVED, FALLS OUT OF THE FRYING-PAN INTO THE FIRE.

fill confounded, and chagrined by one consideration, which was no other than that of his having been so roughly handled in the chamber, belonging, as (he found upon enquiry) to the handsome young lady, who was under the capuchin's direction. He recollected, that the door was fast locked, when his beast burst it open; and he had no reason to believe that any person followed him in his irruption; on the other hand, he could not imagine, that such a gentle creature would either attempt to commit, or be able to execute such a desperate assault as that which his body had sustained; and her demeanor was so modest and circumspect, that he durst not harbour the least suspicion of her virtue.

These reflections bewildered him in the labyrinth of thought: he rummaged his whole imagination, endeavouring to account for what had happened. At length he concluded, that either Peregrine, or the devil, or both, must have been at the bottom of the whole affair, and determined, for the satisfaction of his curiosity, to watch our hero's motions, during the remaining part of the night, so narrowly that his conduct, mysterious as it was, should not be able to elude his penetration.

With these sentiments he retired to his own room, after the als had been restored to the right owners, and the priest had visited and confirmed his fair ward, who had been almost distracted with sear. Silence no sooner prevailed again, than he crawled darkling towards her door, and huddled himself up in an obscure corner, from whence he might observe the ingress or egress of any human creature. He had not long remained in this posture, when, fatigued with this adventure, and that of the

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receding night, his faculties were gradually overpowered with flumber; and falling fast asleep, he began to snore like a whole congregation of prefbyte-rians. The Flemish beauty, hearing this discordant noise in the passage, began to be afraid of fome new alarm, and very prudently bolted her door: fo that when her lover wanted to repeat his visit, he was not only surprized and incensed at this disagreeable serenade, the author of which he did not know; but when compelled by his passion, which was by this time wound to the highest pitch, he ventured to approach the entrance, he had the extreme mortification to find himfelf thut out. He durft not knock or fignify his presence in any other manner, on account of the lady's reputation, which would have greatly suffered, had the fnorer been waked by his endeavours. Had he known that the person who thus thwarted his views was the painter, he would have taken some effectual step to remove him; but he could not conceive what should induce Pallet to take up his residence in that corner; nor could he use the affistance of a light, to distinguish him, because there was not a candle burning in the house.

It is impossible to describe the rage and vexation of our hero, while he continued thus tantalized upon the brink of blifs, after his defire had been exafperated by the circumstances of his two former disappointments. He ejaculated a thousand execrations against his own fortune; cursed all his fellow-travellers without exception; vowed revenge against the painter, who had twice confounded his most interesting scheme; and was tempted to execute immediate vengeance upon the unknown cause of his present miscarriage. In this agony of distraction did he sweat two whole hours in the passage, though not without some faint hope of being delivered from his tormentor, who (he imagined) upon waking, would undoubtedly, shift his quarters, and leave the field free to his defigns; but when he heard the cock repeat his falutation to the morn, which began to open on the rear of night, he could no longer restrain his indignation. Going to his own chamber, he filled a bafon with cold water, and standing at some distance, discharged it full in the face of the gaping snorer, who, over and above the furprize occasioned by the application, was almost suffocated by the li-

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quor that entered his mouth, and ran down into his wind-pipe. While he gasped like a person half drowned, without knowing the nature of his disafter, or remembering the situation in which he fell asseep, Peregrine retired to his own door, and, to his no small asso-nishment, from a long howl that invaded his ears, learned that the patient was no other than Pallet, who had now, for the third time, baulked his good fortune.

Enraged at the complicated trespasses of this unfortunate offender, he rushed from his apartment with a horse-whip, and encountering the painter in his slight, overturned him in the passage. There he exercised the instrument of his wrath with great severity, on pretence of mistaking him for some presumptuous cur, which had disturbed the repose of the inn; nay, when he called aloud for mercy in a supplicating tone, and his chastiser could no longer pretend to treat him as a quadruped, such was the virulence of the young gentleman's indignation, that he could not help declaring his satisfaction, by telling Pallet he had richly deserved the punishment he had undergone, for his madness, folly, and impertinence, in contriving and executing such idle schemes, as had no other tendency than that of plaguing his neighbours.

Pallet protested, with great vehemence, that he was innocent, as the child unborn, of an intention to give umbrage to any person whatever, except the Israelite and his doxy, who he knew had incurred his displeasure. But, as God is my Saviour!' faid he, ' I believe I am persecuted with witchcraft, and begin to think that damn'd prieft is an agent for the devil; for he has been but two nights in our company, during which I have not closed an eye; but, on the contrary, have been tormented by all the fiends of hell." Pickle peevishly replied, that his torments had been occasioned by his own foolish imagination; and asked how he came to howl in that corner. The painter, who did not think proper to own the truth, faid he had been transported thither by some preternatural conveyance, and fouled in water by an invisible hand. The youth, in hope of profiting by his absence, advised him to retire immediately to his bed, and by fleep strive to comfort his brain, which feemed to be not a little difordered by the

mt of that refreshment. Pallet himelf began to be very much of the fame way of thinking, and, in compliance with fuch wholesome counsel, betook way for the recovery of his own under-landing.

Pickle attended him to his chamber,

and locking him up, put the key in his in his power to interrupt him again : but n his return he was met by Mr. Jolter and the doctor, who had been a fecond time alarmed by the painter's cries, and come to enquire about this new adventure. Half frantick with fuch a feries of disappointments, he cursed them in his heart for their unseasonable appearance. When they questioned him about Pallet, he told them he had found him stark faring mad, howling in a corner, and wet to the fkin, and conducted him to his room, where he was now a bed. The physician hearing this circumstance, made a merit of his vanity; and, under pretence of concern for the patient's welfare, defired he might have an oportunity of examining the symptoms of his disorder, without loss of time; alledging, that many diseases might have been stifled in the birth, which afterwards baffled all the endeavours of the medical art. The young gentleman accordingly delivered the key, and once more withdrew into his own chamber, with a view of feizing the first occasion that should present itself of renewing his application to his Amanda's door; while the doctor, in his way to Pallet's apartment, hinted to the governor his fuspicion, that the patient laboured under that dreadful symptom called the bydrophobia, which he observed had fometimes appeared in persons who were not previously bit by a mad dog. This conjecture he founded upon the howl he uttered when he was fouled with water, and began to recollect certain cir-cumstances of the painter's behaviour for some days past, which now he could plainly perceive had prognosticated some fuch calamity, He then ascribed the distemper to the violent frights he had lately undergone; affirmed that the affair of the Battile had made fuch a violent encroachment upon his understanding, that his manner of thinking and speaking was entirely altered. By a theory of his own invention, he explained the effects of fear upon a loofe lystem-

of nerves, and demonstrated the modus in which the animal spirits operate upon the ideas and power of imagination.

This disquisition, which was communicated at the painter's door, might have lasted till breakfast, had not Jolter reminded him of his own maxim, Venienti occurrite morbo; upon which he put the key to immediate use, and they walked foftly towards the bed, where the patient lay extended at full length in the arms of fleep. The phylician took notice of his breathing hard, and his mouth being open; and from these diagnosticks declared, that the liquidum nervolum was intimately affected, and the faliva impregnated with the spiculated particles of the virus, howfoever contracted. This sentence was fill farther confirmed by the state of his pulse, which being full and flow, indicated an oppressed circulation, from a loss of elasticity in the propelling arteries. He proposed that he should immediately suffer a fecond aspersion of water, which would not only contribute to the cure, but also certify them beyond all possibility of doubt, with regard to the state of the disease: for it would evidently appear, from the manner in which he would bear the application, whether or not his horrer of water amounted to a confirmed hydrophobia. Mr. Jolter, in compliance with this proposal, began to empty a bottle of water, which he found in the room in a bason; when he was interrupted by the prescriber, who advised him to use the contents of the chamberpot, which being impregnated with falt, would operate more effectually than pure element. Thus directed, the governor lifted up the veffel, which was replete with medicine, and with one turn of his hand discharged the whole healing inundation upon the ill-omen'd patient, who waking in the utmost distraction of horror, yelled most hideously, just at the time when Peregrine had brought his miltress to a parley, and entertained hopes of being admitted into her cham-

Terrified at this exclamation, she instantly broke off the treaty, befeeching him to retire from the door, that her honour might receive no injury from his being found in that place: and he had just enough of recollection left to see the necessity of obeying the order; in conformity to which he retreated well nigh deprived of his fenfes, and almost perfuaded,

fusded, that so many unaccountable disappointments must have proceeded from some supernatural cause, of which the idiot Pallet was no more than the

involuntary instrument.

Meanwhile, the doctor having ascertained the malady of the patient, whose cries, interrupted by frequent sobs and fighs, he interpreted into the barking of a dog; and having no more falt water at hand, refolved to renew the bath with fuch materials as chance would afford. He actually laid hold of the bottle and bason; but by this time the painter had recovered the use of his senses so well, as to perceive his drift; and ftarting up, like a frantick Bedlamite, ran directly to his fword, fwearing with many horrid imprecations, that he would murder them both immediately, if he should be hanged before din-They did not chuse to wait the iffue of his threat, but retired with fuch precipitation, that the physician had almost diflocated his shoulder, by running against one side of the entry. Jolter having pulled the door after him, and turned the key, betook himself to flight, roaring aloud for affistance. His col-league seeing the door secured, valued himself upon his resolution, and exhorted him to return; declaring, that for his own part, he was more afraid of the madman's teeth than of his weapon; and admonishing the governor to re-enter, and execute what they had left undone. ' Go in,' faid he, ' without · fear or apprehension, and if any accident shall happen to you, either from his flaver or his fword, I will affift you with my advice, which from this tation I can more coolly and distinct-' ly administer, than I should be able to supply, if my ideas were disturbed, or my attention engaged in any perfonal concern.'

Jolter, who could make no objection to the justness of the conclusion, frankly owned that he had no inclination to try the experiment; observing, that selfpreservation was the first law of nature; that his connections with the unhappy lunatick were but flight; and that it could not be reasonably expected that he would run fuch risks for his service, as were declined by one who had let out with him from England on the footing of a companion. This infinuation introduced a dispute upon the nature of benevolence, and the moral fense, which

(the republican argued) existed independent of any private confideration, and could never be affected by any contingent circumstance of time and fortune; while the other, who abhorred his principles, afferted the duties and excellence of private friendship, with in-

finite rancour of altercation.

During the hottest of the argument. they were joined by the capuchin, who being aftonished to see them thus virulently engaged at the door, and to hear the painter bellowing within the chamber, conjured them, in the name of God, to tell him the cause of that confusion, which had kept the whole house in continual alarm during the best part of the night, and seemed to be the immediate work of the devil and his angels. When the governor gave him to understand, that Pallet was visited with an evil spirit, he muttered a prayer of St. Antonio de Padua, and undertook to cure the painter, provided he could be fecured fo as that he might, without danger to himself, burn part of a certain reliek under his noie, which he affured them was equal to the miraculous power of Eleazar's ring. They expressed great curiosity to know what this treasure was; and the priest was prevailed upon to tell them in confidence, that it was a collection of the pairings of the nails belonging to those two madmen, whom Jesus purged of the legion of devils that afterwards entered the fwine. So faying, he pulled from one of his pockets a small box, containing about an ounce of the pairings of an horse's hoof; at fight of which, the governor could not help finiling, on account of the groffness of the imposition. doctor asked, with a supercilious smile, whether those maniacks whom Jesus cured, were of the forrel complexion, or dapple grey; for, from the texture of these parings, he could prove, that the original owners were of the quadruped order, and even diftinguish, that their feet had been fortified with shoes of iron.

The mendicant, who bore an inveterate grudge against this fon of Æsculapius, ever fince he had made fo free with the catholick religion, replied, with great bitterness, that he was a wretch with whom no Christian ought to communicate; that the vengeance of Heaven would one day overtake him, on account of his profanity; and that his heart was fhod with a metal much harder than iron,

which nothing but hell-fire would be

able to melt. It was now broad day, and all the fervants of the inn were a foot. Pere-grine, feeing it would be impossible to obtain any fort of indemnification for the time he had loft; and the peturbation of his spirits hindering him from enjoying repose, which was, moreover, obstructed by the noise of Pallet and his attendants, put on his cloaths at once, and in exceeding ill-humour, arrived at the fpot where this triumvirate flood debating about the means of overpowering the furious painter, who still continued his fong of oaths and execra-tions, and made fundry efforts to break open the door. Chagrined as our hero was, he could not help laughing when he heard how the patient had been treated; and his indignation changing into compassion, he called to him through the key-hole, desiring to know the rea-son of his distracted behaviour. Pallet no fooner recognized his voice, than lowering his own to a whimpering tone, My dear friend, faid he, I have at · last detected the rustians who have pers fecuted me fo much. I caught them in the fact of fuffocating me with cold water; and by the Lord I will be revenged, or may I never live to finish my Cleopatra. For the love of God! open the door, and I will make that conceited pagan, that pretender to tafte, that falle devotee of the ancients, who poisons people with fillikickabies and devil's dung; I fay, I will make him a monument of my wrath, and an example to all the cheats and impostures of the faculty; and as for that thickheaded, insolent pedant, his confederate, who emptied my own jordan upon me while I slept, he had better " have been in his beloved Paris, botching fchemes for his friend the pretender, than incur the effects of my re-Gadsbodikins! I won't · leave him a wind-pipe for the hang-" man to stop, at the end of another re-4 bellion.

Pickle told him, his conduct had been fo extravagant, as to confirm the whole company in the belief, that he was actually deprived of his senses; on which supposition, Mr. Jolter and the doctor had acted the part of friends, in doing that which they thought most conducive to his recovery; so that their concern merited his thankful acknowledgment,

instead of his frantick menaces; that for his own part, he would be the first to condemn him, as one utterly bereft of his wits, and give orders for his being secured as a madman, unless he would immediately give a proof of his sanity, by laying aside his sword, composing his spirits, and thanking his injured friends for their care of his person.

This alternative quieted his transports in a moment; he was terrified at the apprehension of being treated like a bedlamite, being dubious of the state of his own brain; and, on the other hand, had conceived fuch an horror and antipathy for his tormentors, that, far from believing himself obliged by what they had done, he could not even think of them without the utmost rage and detestation. He therefore, in the most tranquil voice he could assume, protested, that he never was less out of his fenses than at prefent, though he did not know how long he might retain them, if he should be considered in the light of a lunatick; that in order to prove his being compos mentis, he was willing to facrifice the refentment he so justly harboured against those who by their malice had brought him to this pass : but, as he apprehended, it would be the greatest fign of madness he could exhi-bit, to thank them for the mischiefs they had brought upon him, he defired to be excused from making any such concesfion; and fwore he would endure every thing, rather than be guilty of fuch mean abfurdity.

Peregrine held a confultation upon this reply, when the governor and phyfician strenuously argued against any capitulation with a maniack, and pro-poled that some method might be taken to seize, fetter, and convey him into a dark room, where he might be treated according to the rules of art. But the capuchin understanding the circumstances of the case, undertook to restore him to his former state, without having any recourse to such violent measures. Pickle, who was a better judge of the affair than any person present, opened the door without farther hefitation, and displayed the poor painter standing with a woeful countenance, shivering in his shirt, which was as wet as if he had been dragged through the Dender: a spectacle which gave such offence to the chafte eyes of the Hebrew's mistress, who was by this time one of the spectators,

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and withdrew to her own room, ex- a person whom he deemed so unworthy claiming against the indecent practices of his notice,

Pallet, feeing the young gentleman enter, ran to him, and, shaking him by the hand, called him his best friend, and faid he had rescued him from those who had a defign against his life. The priest would have produced his parings, and applied them to his nose; but was hin-dered by Pickle, who advised the patient to shift himself, and put on his cloaths. This being done, with great order and deliberation, Mr. Jolter, who with the doctor had kept a wary distance, in expectation of feeing some strange effects of his diffraction, began to believe that he had been guilty of a mistake, and accused the physician of having misled him by his false diagnostick. The doctor fill infifted upon his former declaration; affuring him, that although Pallet enjoyed a short interval for the present, the delirium would foon recur, unless they would profit by this momentary calm, and order him to be blooded, bliftered, and purged, with all imaginary dispatch.

The governor, however, notwithstanding this caution, advanced to the injured party, and begged pardon for the share he had in giving him such dis-turbance. He declared in the most solemn manner, that he had no other intention than that of contributing towards. his welfare; and that his behaviour was the refult of the physician's prescription, which he affirmed was absolutely necesfary for the recovery of his health.

The painter, who had very little gall in his disposition, was satisfied with his apology; but his refentment, which was before divided, now glowed with double fire against his first fellow-traveller, whom he looked upon as the author of all the mischances he had undergone, and marked out for his vengeance accordingly. Yet the doors of reconciliation were not thut against the doctor, who, with great justice, might have transferred this load of offence from himself to Peregrine; who was, without doubt, the fource of the painter's misfortune: but, in that case, he must have owned himself mistaken in his medical capacity; and he did not think the friendship of Pallet important enough to be retrieved by fuch condescension; fo that he resolved to neglect him entirely, and gradually forget the former

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CHAP. XXIV.

PEREGRINE, ALMOST DISTRACTED WITH HIS DISAPPOINTMENTS, CONJURES THE PAIR FLEMING TO PERMIT HIS VISITS AT BRUS-SELS. SHE WITHDRAWS FROM HIS PURSUIT.

HINGS being thus adjusted, and all the company dressed, they went to breakfast about five in the morning; and in less than an hour after were seated in the diligence, where a profound filence prevailed; Peregrine, who used to be the life of the society, being extremely pensive and melancholy on account of his mishap; the Israelite and his dulcinea dejected in consequence of their difgrace; the poet absorpt in lofty meditation; the painter in schemes of revenge; while Jolter, rocked by the motion of the carriage, made himself amends for the want of rest he had suftained; and the mendicant, with his fair charge, were infected by the cloudy af-pect of our youth, in whose disappointment each of them, for different reafons, bore no inconsiderable share. This general languor and recess from all bodily exercise, disposed them all to receive the gentle yoke of flumber; and in half an hour after they had embark-ed, there was not one of them awake, except our hero and his mistress, unless the capuchin was pleased to counterfeit fleep, in order to indulge our young gentleman with an opportunity of enjoy. ing some private conversation with his beauteous ward.

Peregrine did not neglect the occafion; but, on the contrary, seized the first minute, and, in gentle murmurs, lamented his hard hap in being thus the He affured her, (and fport of fortune. that with great fincerity) that all the cross accidents of his life had not cost him one half of the vexation and keenness of chagrin which he had suffered last night; and that now he was on the brink of parting from her, he should be overwhelmed with the blackest despair, if she would not extend her compassion fo far as to give him an opportunity of fighing at her feet in Bruffels, during

the few days his affairs would permit

him to fpend in that city.

This young lady, with an air of mortification, expressed her forrow for being the innocent cause of his anxiety; said the hoped last night's adventure would be a falutary warning to both their fouls; for the was perfuaded, that her virtue was protected by the intervention of Heaven; that whatever impression it might have made upon him, she was enabled by it to adhere to that duty from which her passion had begun to fwerve; and befeeching him to forget her for his own peace, gave him to understand, that neither the plan she had laid down for her own conduct, nor the dictates of her honour, would allow her to receive his vifits, or carry on any other correspondence with him, while she was restricted by the articles of her marriage-

This explanation produced fuch a violent effect upon her admirer, that he was for some minutes deprived of the faculty of speech; which he no sooner recovered, than he gave vent to the most unbridled transports of passion. taxed her with barbarity and indifference; told her, that fhe had robbed him of his reason and internal peace; that he would follow her to the ends of the earth, and cease to live sooner than cease to love her; that he would facrifice the innocent fool who had been the occasion of all this disquiet, and murder every man whom he confidered as an obstruction to his views. In a word, his paf-fions, which had continued to long in a flate of the highest fermentation, together with the want of that repole which calms and quiets the perturbation of the fpirits, had wrought him up to a pitch of real distraction. While he uttered these delirious expressions, the tears ran down his cheeks; and he underwent fuch agitation, that the tender heart of the fair Fleming was affected with his condition; and, while her own face was bedewed with the streams of Tympathy, she begged him, for Heaven's fake, to be composed; and promised, for his satisfaction, to abate fomewhat of the rigour of her purpose. Confoled by this kind declaration, he recollected himself; and taking out his pencil, gave her his address, when she had affured him, that he should hear from her in four and twenty-hours at farthest, after their separation.

Thus foothed, he regained the empire of himself, and by degrees recovered his ferenity. But this was not the case with his Amanda, who, from this fample of his difposition, dreaded the impetuofity of his youth, and was effeetually deterred from entering into any engagements that might subject her peace and reputation to the rash effects of such a violent spirit. Though she was captivated by his person and accomplishments, the had reflection enough to foresee, that the longer she countenanced his passion, her own heart would be more and more irretrievably engaged, and the quiet of her life the more exposed to continual interruption. She therefore profited by these considerations, and a sense of religious honour, which helped her to withstand the fuggestions of inclination; and resolved to amuse her lover with false hopes, until she should have it in her power to relinquish his conversation, without running any rifk of fuffering by the inconsiderate sallies of his love. It was with this view, that she defired he would not infift upon attending her to her mother's house, when the diligence arrived at Bruffels; and he, cajoled by her artifice, took a formal leave of her, together with the other strangers, fixing his habitation at the inn to which he and his fellow-travellers had been directed, in the impatient expectation of receiving a kind fummons from her within the limited time.

Meanwhile, in order to divert his imagination, he went to fee the stadthouse, park, and arsenal; took a superficial view of the booksellers cabinet of curiosities, and spent the evening at the Italian opera, which was at that time exhibited for the entertainment of Prince Charles of Lorrain, then governor of the Low Countries. In short, the stated period was almost elapsed, when Peregrine received a letter to this purpose.

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IF you knew what violence I do my
own heart, in declaring, that I
have withdrawn myself for ever from
your addresses, you would surely applaud the facrifice I make to virtue,
and strive to imitate this example of
self-denial. Yes, Sir, Heaven hath
lent me grace to struggle with my
guilty passion, and henceforth to avoid
the dangerous sight of him who in-

fpired it. I therefore conjure you, by
the regard you ought to have for the
eternal welfare of us both, as well as
by the efteem and affection you profels, to war with your unruly inclination, and defift from all attempts
of frustrating the laudable resolution Ihave made. Seek hot to invade the
peace of one who loves you, to disturb
the quiet of a family that never did you
wrong, and to alienate the thoughts
of a weak woman from a deserving
man, who, by the most facred claim,
ought to have the full possession of her
heart.

This billet, without either date or fubscription, banished all remains of discretion from the mind of our hero, who ran instantly to the landlord in all the extaly of madness, and demanded to fee the messenger who brought the letter, on pain of putting his whole family to the fword. The innkeeper, terrified by his looks and menaces, fell upon his knees, protesting, in the face of Heaven, that he was utterly ignorant and innocent of any thing that could give him offence, and that the billet was brought by a person whom he did not know, and who retired immediately, faying it required no answer. He then gave utterance to his fury in a thoufand imprecations and invectives against the writer, whom he dishonoured with the appellations of a coquette, a jilt, an adventurer, who, by means of a pimping prieft, had defrauded him of his money. He denounced vengeance against the mendicant, whom he swore he would destroy, if ever he should set eyes on him again. The painter unluckily appearing during this paroxism of rage, he seized him by the throat, faying, he was ruined by his accurfed folly; and, in all likelihood, poor Pallet would have been strangled, had not Jolter interposed in his behalf, beseeching his pupil to have mercy upon the fufferer, and with infinite anxiety defiring to know the cause of this violent He received no answer, but a ftring of incoherent curses. When the painter, with unspeakable astonishment, took God to witness that he had done nothing to disoblige him, the governor began to think, in fad earnest, that Peregrine's vivacity had at length rifen to the transports of actual madness, and was himself almost distracted with this

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fupposition. That he might the better judge what remedy ought to be applied, he used his whole influence, and practised all his eloquence upon the youth, in order to learn the immediate cause of his delirium. He employed the most pathetick intreaties, and even fled tears in the course of his supplication; so that Pickle (the first violence of the hurricane being blown over) was ashamed of his own imprudence, and retired to his chamber, in order to recollect his diffipated thoughts: there he shut himfelf up, and for the second time perufing the fatal epittle, began to waver in his opinion of the author's character and intention. He sometimes considered her as one of those nymphs, who, under the malk of innocence and fimplicity, practife upon the hearts and puries of unwary and unexperienced youths: this was the fuggestion of his wrath, inflamed by disappointment; but, when he reflected upon the circumstances of her behaviour, and recalled her particular charms to his imagination, the severity of his censure gave way, and his heart declared in favour of her fincerity. Yet even this confideration ag-gravated the sense of his loss, and he was in danger of relapfing into his former distraction, when his passion was a little becalmed by the hope of seeing her again, either by accident, or in the course of a diligent and minute enquiry, which he forthwith resolved to set on He had reason to believe that her own heart would espouse his cause, in spite of her virtue's determination, and did not despair of meeting with the capuchin, whose good offices he knew he could at any time command. Comforted with these reflections, the tempett of his foul subfided. In less than two hours he joined his company, with an air of composure, and asked the painter's forgiveness for the freedom he had taken; the cause of which he promised hereafter to explain. Pallet was glad of being reconciled on any terms to one whose countenance supported him in equilibrio with his antagonist the doctor; and Mr. Jolter was rejoiced beyoud measure at his pupil's recovery.

CHAP. XXV.

PEREGRINE MEETS WITH MRS.
HORNBECK, AND IS CONSOLED
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FOR HIS LOSS. HIS VALET DE CHAMBRE IS EMBROILED WITH HER DUENNA; WHOM, HOW-EVER, HE FINDS MEANS TO AP-PEASE.

EVERY thing having thus refumed together in great tranquillity. In the afternoon, Peregrine, on pretence of staying at home to write letters, while his companions were at the coffee-house, ordered a coach to be called, and with his valet de chambre, who was the only person acquainted with the present state of his thoughts, set out for the Promenade, to which all the ladies of fashion resort in the evening, during the summer season, in hopes of seeing his fugitive among the rest.

Having made a circuit round the walk, and narrowly observed every female in the place, he perceived at some distance, the livery of Hornbeck upon a lacquey that stood at the back of a coach: upon which, he ordered his man to reconnoitre the said carriage, while he pulled up his glasses, that he might not be discovered, before he should have received some intelligence, by which he might conduct himself on this unexpected occasion, that already began to interfere with the purpose of his coming thither, though it could not dispute his attention with the idea of his charming unknown.

His Mercury having made his observations, reported, that there was no-body in the coach but Mrs. Hornbeck and an elderly woman, who had all the air of a duenna, and that the servant was not the same footman who had attended them in France. Encouraged by this information, our hero ordered himfelf to be driven close up to that fide of their convenience on which his old miftress sat, and accosted her with the usual falutation. This lady no fooner beheld her gallant, than her cheeks reddened with a double glow; and she exclaimed, Dear brother, I am overjoyed to fee ' you! Pray come into our coach.' He took the hint immediately; and, complying with her request, embraced this new fifter with great affection.

Perceiving that her attendant was very much furprized and alarmed at this unexpected meeting, she, in order to bamit her suspicion, and at the same time give her lover his cue, told him that his

brother (meaning her husband) was gone to the Spa for a few weeks, by the advice of physicians, on account of his ill state of health; and that, from his last letter, she had the pleasure to tell him, he was in a fair way of doing well. The young gentleman expressed his satisfaction at this piece of news; observing, with an air of fraternal concern, that if his brother had not made too free with his constitution, his friends in England would have had no occasion to repine at his absence and want of health, by which he was banished from his own country and connections. He then asked, with an affectation of surprize, why she had not accompanied her spouse; and was given to understand, that his tenderness of affection would not fuffer him to expose her to the fatigues of the journey, which lay among rocks that were almost inaccessible.

The duenna's doubts being eased by this preamble of conversation, he changed the subject to the pleasures of the place; and, among other such questions, enquired if she had as yet visited Versailles. This is a publick - house, fituated upon the canal at the distance of about two miles from town, and accommodated with tolerable gardens for the entertainment of company .-When the replied in the negative, he proposed to accompany her thither immediately; but the governante, who had hitherto sat filent, objected to this proposal; telling them in broken English, that as the lady was under her care, fhe could not answer to Mr. Hornbeck for allowing her to visit such a suspicious place. ' As for that matter, Madam, faid the confident gallant, give yourfelf no trouble; the consequences shall be at my peril, and I will undertake to insure you against my bro-ther's resentment.' So saying, he directed the coachman to the place, and ordered his own to follow, under the auspices of his valet de chambre; while the old gentlewoman, over-ruled by his affurance, quietly submitted to his authority.

Being arrived at the place, he handed the ladies from the coach, and then, for the first time, observed that the duenna was lame; a circumstance of which he did not scruple to take the advantage: for they had scarce alighted, and drank a glass of wine, when he advised his sister to enjoy a walk in the garden; and although although the attendant made shift to keep them almost always in view, they enjoyed a detached conversation, in which Peregrine learned, that the true cause of her being left behind at Bruffels, whilft her husband proceeded to Spa, was his dread of the company and familiarities of that place, to which his jealoufy durft not expose her; and that she had lived three weeks in a convent at Lifle, from which the was delivered by his own free motion, because indeed he could no longer exist without her company; and lastly, our lover understood, that her governante was a mere dragon, who had been recommended to him by a Spanish merchant, whose wife she attended to her dying day; but she very much questioned whether or not her fidelity was proof enough against money and strong waters. Peregrine affured her the experiment should be tried before parting; and they agreed to pass the night at Versailles, provided his endea-vours should succeed.

Having exercifed themselves in this manner, until his duenna's spirits were pretty much exhausted, that she might be the better disposed to recruit them with a glass of liquor, they returned to their apartment, and the cordial was recommended and received in a bumper: but as it did not produce such a visible alteration as the fanguine hopes of Pickle had made him expect, and the old gentlewoman observed that it began to be late, and that the gates would be shut in a little time, he filled up a parting glass, and pledged her in equal quantity. Her blood was too much chilled to be warmed even by this extraordinary dose, which made immediate innovation in the brain of our youth, who in the gaiety of his imagination overwhelmed this She-Argus with fuch profusion of gallantry, that she was more intoxicated with his expressions than with the spirits she had drank. When in the course of toying he dropped a purse into her bosom, she seemed to forget how the night wore, and with the approbation of her charge, affented to his proposal of having something for

This was a great point which our adventurer had gained, and yet he plainly perceived that the governante mistook his meaning, by giving herself credit for all the passion he had professed. As this error could be rectified by no other

means than those of plying her with the bottle, until her diltinguishing faculties should be overpowered, he promoted a quick circulation. him juffice, without any manifest figns of inebriation, fo long, that his own eyes began to reel in the fockets; and he found that before his scheme could be accomplished, he should be effectually unfitted for all the purpofes of love. He therefore had recourse to his valet de chambre, who understood the hint as foon as it was given, and readily undertook to perform the part, of which his master had played the prelude. This affair being settled to his satisfaction, and the night at odds with morning, he took an opportunity of imparting to the ear of this aged dulcinea a kind whisper, importing a promise of visiting her, when his fifter should be retired to her own chamber, and an earneft defire of leaving her door unlocked.

This agreeable intimation being communicated, he conveyed a caution of the same nature to Mrs. Hornbeck, as he led her to her apartment; and darkness and silence no sooner prevailed in the house, than he and his trufty squire let out on their different voyages. Every thing would have fucceeded according to their wish, had not the valet de chambre suffered himself to fall asleep at the fide of his inamorata, and in the agitation of a violent dream, exclaimed in a voice to unlike that of her supposed adorer, that she distinguished the Waking him with difference at once. a pinch and a loud shriek, she threatened to profecute him for a rape, and reviled him with all the epithets her rage and disappointment could suggest.

The Frenchman finding himself detected, behaved with great temper and address: he begged she would compose herself, on account of her own reputation, which was extremely dear to him; protesting, that he had a most inviolable esteem for her person. His representations had weight with the duenna; who, upon recollection, comprehended the whole affair, and thought it would be her interest to bring matters to an accommodation. She therefore admitted the apologies of her bed-fellow, provided he would promise to atone by marriage for the injury she had sustained; and in this particular he fet her heart at case by repeated vows, which he uttered with surprizing volu-

bility, though without any intention to perform the least tittle of their contents.

Peregrine, who had been alarmed by her exclamation, and run to the door with a view of interpoling, according to the emergency of the cale, overhearing the affair thus compromised, returned to his mistress, who was highly entertained with an account of what had passed, foreseeing, that for the future she should be under no difficulty or restriction from the severity of her guard.

CHAP. XXVI.

BORNBECK IS INFORMED OF HIS WIFE'S ADVENTURE WITH PEREGRINE, FOR WHOM HE PREPARES A STRATAGEM, WHICH IS RENDERED INEFFECTUAL BY THE INFORMATION OF PIPES. THE HUSBAND IS DUCKED FOR HIS INTENTION, AND OUR HERO APPREHENDED BY THE PATROLE.

HERE was another person, however, still ungained; and that was no other than her footman, whose fecrefy our hero attempted to fecure in the morning by an handsome present, which he received with many professions of gratitude and devotion to his service: yet this complaifance was nothing but a cloak used to disguise the design he harboured of making his matter acquainted with the whole transaction. Indeed, this lacquey had been hired, not only as a fpy upon his mistress, but also as a check on the conduct of the governante, with promise of ample reward, if ever he should discover any finister or suspicious practices in the course of her behaviour. As for the tootman, whom they had brought from England, he was retained in attendance upon the person of his master, whose confidence he had loft, by advising him to gentle methods of reclaiming his tady, when her irregularities had fubected her to his wrath.

The Flemish valet, in consequence of the office he had undertaken, wrote to Hornbeck by the first post, giving an exact detail of the adventure at Verfailles, with such a description of the pretended brother, as less the husband no room to think he could be any other

person than his first dishonourer; and exasperated him to such a degree, that he resolved to lay an amoust for this invader, and at once disqualify him from disturbing his repose, by maintaining farther correspondence with his wife.

Meanwhile the lovers enjoyed themselves without rettraint, and Peregrine's plan of enquiry after his dear unknown was for the present postponed. His fellow-travellers were confounded at his mysterious motions, which filled the heart of Jolter with anxiety and terror. This careful conductor was fraught with fuch experience of his pupil's difpolition, that he trembled with the apprehension of some sudden accident, and lived in continual alarm, like a man that walks under the wall of a nodding tower. Nor did he enjoy any alleviations of his fears, when, upon telling the young gentleman, that the rest of the company were defirous of departing for Antwerp, he answered, they were at liberty to confult their own inclinations; but for his own part, he was refolved to stay in Brussels a few days longer. By this declaration the governor was confirmed in the opinion of his having some intrigue upon the anvil. In the bitterness of his vexation, he took the liberty of fignifying his suspicion, and reminding him of the dangerous dilemmas to which he had been reduced by his former precipitation.

Peregrine took his caution in good part, and promifed to behave with fuch circumspection as would screen him from any troublesome consequences for the future; but, nevertheleis, behaved that fame evening in fuch a manner, as plainly shewed, that his prudence was nothing else than vain speculation. He had made an appointment to fpend the night, as usual, with Mrs. Hornbeck; and about nine o'clock hastened to her lodgings, when he was accosted in the ftreet by his old discarded friend Thomas Pipes; who, without any other pre-amble, told him, that for all he had turned him adrift, he did not chuse to see him run full sail into his enemy's harbour, without giving him timely notice of the danger. 'I'll tell you

- what, faid he, mayhap you think I want to curry favour, that I may be taken in tow again; if you do, you
- have made a militake in your reckoning. I am old enough to be laid up.

In fave wherewithal to keep my planks from the weather. But this here is the affair; I have known you fince you were no higher than a marlin-spike, and shouldn't care to see you deprived of your rigging at these years: whereby I am informed by Hornbeck's man, whom I this afternoon fell in with by chance, as how his master has got intelligence of your boarding his wife, and has steered privately into this port, with a large complement of hands, in order, d'ye see, to secure you while you are under the hatches. Now if so be as how

you have a mind to give him a falt eel for his supper, here am I without hope of fee or reward, ready to stand by you as long as my timbers will stick together; and if I expect any recompence, may I be bound to eat oakum and

drink bilge water for life.'

Startled at this information, Peregrine examined him upon the particulars of his discourse with the lacquey; and when he understood that Hornbeck's intelligence flowed from the canal of his Flemish footman, he believed every circumstance of Tom's report, thanked him for this warning, and after having reprimanded him for his mifbehaviour at Lifle, affured him that it should be his own fault if ever they should part again. He then deliberated with himself whether or not he should retort the purpose upon his adversary; but when he confidered that Hornbeck was not the aggressor, and made that unhappy husband's case his own, he could not help acquitting his intention of revenge; though, in his opinion, it ought to have been executed in a more honourable manner; and therefore he determined to chastise him for his want of spirit. Nothing, furely, can be more insolent and unjust than this determination, which induced him to punish a person, for his want of courage to redress the injury which he himself had done to his reputation and peace; and yet this barbarity of decision is authorized by the opinion and practice of mankind.

With these sentiments he returned to the inn, and putting a pair of pistols in his pocket, ordered his valet de chambre and Pipes to follow him at a small distance, so as that they should be within call in case of necessity; then posted himself within thirty yards of his dul-

cinea's door. There he had not been above half an hour, when he perceived four men take their flations on the other fide, with a view, as he gueffed, to watch for his going in, that he might be taken unaware. But when they had tarried a confiderable time in that corner. without reaping the fruits of their expectation, their leader, perfuaded that the gallant had gained admittance by fome fecret means, approached the door with his followers; who, according to the instructions they had received, no fooner faw it opened, than they rushed in, leaving their employer in the ftreet, where he thought his person would be least endangered. Our adventurer seeing him alone, advanced with speed, and clapping a pistol to his breast, commanded him to follow his footfleps, without noise, on pain of immediate death.

Terrified at this sudden apparition, Hornbeck obeyed in filence; and in a few minutes they arrived at the quay, where Pickle halting, gave him to understand that he was no stranger to his villainous defign. Told him, that if he conceived himself injured by any circumstance of his conduct, he would now give him an opportunity of resenting the wrong, in a manner becoming a man of honour. You have a fword about ' you,' faid he; ' or if you don't chuse to put the affair on that iffue, here is a brace of pittols; take which you Such an address could not please. fail to disconcert a man of his character. After some hesitation, he in a faultering accent denied that his defign was to mutilate Mr. Pickle, but that he thought himself entitled to the benefit of the law, by which he would have obtained a divorce, if he could have procured evidence of his wife's infidelity; and with that view he had employed people to take advantage of the information be had received. With regard to his alternative, he declined it entirely, because he could not see what satisfaction he should enjoy, in being shot through the head, or run through the lungs, by a person who had already wronged him in an irreparable manner. Lastiy, his fear made him propose, that the affair thould be left to the arbitration of two creditable men, altogether unconcerned in the dif-

To these remonstrances, Peregrine replied, in the style of a hot-headed young man, conscious of his own unjustifiable behaviour, that every gentleman ought to be a judge of his own honour; and therefore he would submit to the decision of no umpire whatsoever; that he would forgive his want of courage, which might be a natural infirmity, but his mean diffimulation he could not pardon; that, as he was certified of the rafcally intent of his ambuscade, by undoubted intelligence, he would treat him, not with a retaliation of his own treachery, but with such indignity as a scoundrel deferves to fuffer, unless he would make one effort to maintain the character he afformed in life: fo faying, he again prefented his piftol, which being rejected as before, he called his two ministers, and ordered them to duck him in the

This command was pronounced and executed almost in the same breath, to the unspeakable terror and disorder of the poor fhivering patient; who, having undergone the immersion, ran about like a drowned rat, squeaking for affistance and revenge. His cries were overheard by the patrole, which, chancing to pass that way, took him under their protection, and, in consequence of his complaint and information, went in pursuit of our adventurer and his attendants, who were foon overtaken and furrounded. Rash and inconsiderate as the young gentleman was, he did not pretend to frand upon the defensive against a file of musqueteers, although Pipes had drawn his cutlass at their approach, but furrendered himself without opposition, and was conveyed to the main guard, where the commanding officer, engaged by his appearance and address, treated him with all imaginable respect. Hearing the particulars of his adventure, he arfured him that the prince would confider the whole as a tour de jeunesse, and order him to be released without delay.

Next morning, when this gentleman gave in his report, he made such a favourable representation of the prisoner, that our hero was on the point of being discharged, when Hornbeck preserred a complaint, accusing him of a purposed assassing and praying that such punishment should be inflicted upon him, as his highness should think adequate to the nature of the crime. The prince, perplexed with this petition, in consequence of which he soresaw that he must disoblige a British subject, sent for the

plaintiff, of whom he had fome knows ledge, and in person exhorted him to drop the profecution, which would only ferve to propagate his own fhame. But Hornbeck was too much incensed to listen to any proposal of that kind, and peremptorily demanded justice against the prifoner, whom he represented as an obfcure adventurer, who had made repeated attempts upon his honour and his Prince Charles told him, that what he had advised was in the capacity of a friend; but, since he insisted upon his acting as a magistrate, the affair should be examined, and determined according to the dictates of justice and

The petitioner being dismissed with this promise, the defendant was in his turn brought before the judge, whose prepostession in his favour was in a great measure weakened by what his antagonist had said to the prejudice of his birth and reputation.

CHAP. XXVII.

PEREGRINE IS RELEASED. JOLTER CONFOUNDED AT HIS MYSTERIOUS CONDUCT. A CONTEST HAPPENS BETWEEN THE
POET AND PAINTER, WHO ARE
RECONCILED BY THE MEDIATION OF THEIR FELLOW-TRAVELLERS.

UR hero, understanding from some expressions which escaped the prince, that he was considered in the light of a sharper and assassin, begged that he might have the liberty of fending for some vouchers, that would probably vindicate his character from the malicious aspersions of his adversary. This permission being granted, he wrote a letter to his governor, defiring that he would bring to him the letters of recommendation which he had received from the British ambassador at Paris, and fuch other papers as he thought conducive to evince the importance of his fituation.

The billet was given in charge to one of the subaltern officers on duty, who carried it to the inn, and demanded to speak with Mr. Jolter. Pallet, who happened to be at the door, when his messenger arrived, and heard him enquire for the tutor, ran directly to that

rentleman's apartment, and in manifest diforder told him, that a huge fellow of a foldier, with a monstrous pair of whilkers, and a fur-cap as big as a bushel, was asking for him at the door. The poor governor began to shake at this intimation, though he was not confcious of having committed any thing that could attract the attention of the flate. When the officer appeared at his chamber-door, his confusion increased to fuch a degree, that his perception feemed to vanish, and the subaltern repeated the purport of his errand three times, before he could comprehend his meaning, or venture to receive the letter which he prefented. At length, he fummoned all his fortitude, and having perused the epittle, his terror sunk into anxiety. His ingenious fear immediately fuggested, that Peregrine was confined in a dungeon, for some outrage he had committed. He ran with great agitation to a trunk, and taking out a bundle of papers, followed his conductor, being attended by the painter, to whom he had hinted his apprehension. When they passed through the guard, which was under arms, the hearts of both died within them; and when they came into the presence, there was such an expression of awful horror in the countenance of Jolter, that the prince observing his dismay, was pleased to encourage him with an assurance that he had nothing to fear. Thus comforted, he recolled himfelf fo well as to understand his pupil, when he defired him to produce the ambaffador's letters; fome of which being open, were immediately read by his highness, who was personally acquainted with the writer, and knew feveral of the noblemen to whom they were addressed. These recommendations were fo warm, and represented the young gentleman in such an advantageous light, that the prince, convinced of the injuttice his character had luffered by the mifrepresentation of Hornbeck, took our hero by the hand, asked pardon for the doubts he had entertained of his honour, declared him from that moment at liberty, ordered his domesticks to be enlarged, and offered him his countenance and protection, as long as he should remain in the Auftrian Netherlands. At the fame time, he cautioned him against indifcretion in the course of his gallantries; and took his word and bonour, that he

should drop all measures of resentment against the person of Hornbeck, during his residence in that place.

The delinquent, thus honourably acquitted, thanked the prince in the moft respectful manner for his generofity and candour, and retired with his two friends, who were amazed and bewildered in their thoughts at what they had feen and heard, the whole adventure fill remaining without the sphere of their comprehension, which was not at all enlarged by the unaccountable appearance of Pipes, who, with the valet de chambre, joined them at the caftlegate. Had Jolter been a man of a luxuriant imagination, his brain would undoubtedly have suffered in the invettigation of his pupil's mysterious con-duct, which he strove in vain to unravel; but his intellects were too folid to be affected by the miscarriage of his invention; and as Peregrine did not think proper to make him acquainted with the cause of his being apprehended, he contented himself with supposing that there was a lady in the cafe.

The painter, whose imagination was of a more flimly texture, formed a thoufand chimerical conjectures, which he communicated to Pickle in imperfect infinuations; hoping, by his answers and behaviour, to discover the truth; but the youth, in order to tantalize him, eluded all his enquiries, with fuch appearance of industry and art, as heightened his curiofity, while it disappointed his aim, and inflamed him to fuch a degree of impatience, that his wits began to be unsettled. Then Peregrine was fain to recompose his brain, by telling him in confidence that he had This fecret he been arrefted as a spy. found more intolerable than his former uncertainty; he ran from one apartment to another, like a goofe in the agonies of egg-laying, with an intention of difburdening his important load; but, Jolter being engaged with his pupil, and all the people of the house ignorant of the only language he could speak, he was compelled, with infinite reluc-tance, to address himself to the doctor, who was at that time shut up in his own chamber. Having knocked at the door to no purpose, he peeped through the key-hole, and saw the physician fitting at a table, with a pen in one hand, and a paper before him, his head reclined upon his other hand, and his eyes fixed upon the cicling, as if he had een entranced. Pallet, concluding that he was under the power of convultion, endeavoured to force the door open; and the noise of his efforts recalled the doc-tor from his reverie. This poetical republican, being fo difagreeably difturbed, started up in a passion, and opening the door, no sooner perceived who had interrupted him, than he flung it in his face with great fury, and curfed him for his impertinent intrusion, which had deprived him of the most delightful vifion that ever regaled the human fancy. He imagined (as he afterwards impart ed to Peregrine) that as he enjoyed him-felf in walking through the flowery plain of Parnassus, he was met by a venerable fage, whom, by a certain divine viva-city that lightened from his eyes, he instantly knew to be the immortal Pindar. He was immediately struck with reverence and awe, and profitated himself before the apparition, which taking him by the hand, lifted him gently from the ground; and, with words more sweet than the honey of the Hybla bees, told him, that of all the moderns, he alone was visited by that celettial impulse by which he himself had been inspired, when he produced his most applauded odes. So faying, he led him up the facred hill, persuaded him to drink a copious draught of the waters of the Hippocrene, and then presented him to the harmonious Nine, who crowned his temples with a laurel-wreath.

No wonder that he was enraged to find himself cut off from such sublime fociety. He raved in Greek against the invader; who was so big with his own purpose, that, unmindful of the disgrace he had sustained, and disregarding all the fymptoms of the physician's displeafure, he applied his mouth to the door, in an eager tone; 'I'll hold you any wager,' faid he, 'that I guess the true cause of Mr. Pickle's imprisonment.' To this challenge he received no reply; and therefore repeated if, adding, I fuppose you imagine he was taken up for fighting a duel, or affronting a nobleman, or lying with fome man's wife, or fome fuch matter; but, egad! you was never more mistaken in your life; and I'll lay my Cleopatra again your Homer's head, that in four and twenty hours you fha'n't light on the true reason.'

The favourite of the muses, exaspe-

rated at this vexations perfeverance of the painter, who he imagined had come to teize and infult him; ' I would,' faid he, ' facrifice a cock to Æsculapius, were I affured that any person had been taken up for extirpating fuch a troublesome Goth as you are from the face of the earth. As for your boasted Cleopatra, which you fay was drawn from your own wife, I believe the copy has as much of the To sales as the original. But, were it mine, it should be hung up in the temple of Cloacina, as the picture of that goddess; for any other apartment would be difgraced by it's appearance.'-Hark ye, Sir!' replied Pallet, enraged in his turn at the contemptuous mention of his darling performance, you may make as free with my wife as you think proper; but ware my works; those are the children of my fancy, conceived by the glowing imagination, and formed by the art of my own hands; and you yourfelf are a Goth, and a Turk, and a Tartar, and an impudent pretending jackanapes, to treat with such disrespect a production which, in the opinion of all the connoisseurs of the age, will, when finished, be a mafter-piece in it's kind, and do honour to human genius and skill. . So I fay, again and again, (and I care onot though your friend Playtor heard me) that you have no more tafte than a drayman's horse, and that those foolish notions of the ancients ought to be drubbed out of you with a good cudgel, that you might learn to treat men of parts with more veneration. Perhaps you may not always be in the company of one who will halloo for affistance, when you are on the brink of being chastised for your insolence, as I did, when you brought upon yourself the resentment of that Scot, who, by the Lard! would have paid you both fcot and lot, as Falstaff fays, if the French officer had not put him

The physician, to this declamation, which was conveyed through the keyhole, answered, that he (the painter) was a fellow so infinitely below his confideration, that his conscience upbraided him with no action of his life, except that of chusing such a wretch for his companion and fellow-traveller; that he had viewed his character through the medium of good-nature and compation,

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which had prompted him to give Pallet an opportunity of acquiring some new ideas under his immediate instruction; but he had abused his goodness and con-descension in such a stagrant manner, that he was now determined to discard him entirely from his acquaintance, and defired him, for the prefent, to take himself away, on pain of being kicked for his presumption.

Pallet was too much incensed to be intimidated by this threat, which he retorted with great virulence, defying him to come forth, that it might appear which of them was best skilled in that pedestrian exercise, which he immediately began to practise against the door with fuch thundering application, as reached the ears of Pickle and his governor; who coming out into the paffage, and feeing him thus employed, asked him if he had forgot the chamberpots of Alost, that he ventured to be-have in such a manner, as intitled him to a second prescription of the same nature.

The doctor understanding that there was company at hand, opened the door in a twinkling; and springing upon his antagonist, like a tiger, a fierce contention would have enfued, to the infinite fatisfaction of our hero, had not Jolter, to the manifest peril of his own person, interposed, and partly by force, and partly by exhortations, put a stop to the engagement before it was fairly begun. After having demonstrated the indecency of fuch a vulgar rencounter between two fellow-citizens in a foreign land, he begged to know the cause of their diffention, and offered his good offices towards an accommodation. Peregrine also, seeing the fray was finished, expreffed himself to the same purpose; and the painter, for obvious reasons, declining an explanation, his antagonist told the youth what a mortifying interruption he had fuffered by the impertinent intrusion of Pallet, and gave him a detail of the particulars of his vision, as above recited. The arbiter owned, the provocation was not to be endured; and decreed, that the offender should make some atonement for his transgreffion. Upon which the painter observed, that howsoever he might have been difposed to make acknowledgments, if the physician had fignified his displeasure like a gentleman, the complainant had now forfeited all claim to any such conecflions, by the vulgar manner in which

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he had reviled him and his productions; observing, that if he (the painter) had been inclined to retort his flanderous infinuations, the republican's own works would have afforded ample subject for

his ridicule and cenfure.

After divers disputes and representations, peace was at length concluded. on condition that, for the future, the doctor should never mention Cleopatra, unless he could say something in her praise; and that Pallet, in consideration of his having been the first aggressor, should make a sketch of the physician's vision, to be engraved and prefixed to the next edition of his odes.

CHAP. XXVIII.

THE TRAVELLERS DEPART FOR ANTWERP, AT WHICH PLACE THE PAINTER GIVES A LOOSE TO HIS ENTHUSIASM.

UR adventurer, baffled in all his efforts to retrieve his loft Amanda, yielded at length to the remonstrances of his governor and fellow-travellers, who, out of pure complaifance to him, had exceeded their intended stay by fix days at leaft: and a couple of post-chaises, with three riding-horses, being hired, they departed from Bruffels in the morning, dining at Mechlin, and arrived about eight in the evening at the venerable city of Antwerp. During this day's journey, Pallet was elevated to an uncommon flow of spirits, with the prospect of seeing the birth-place of Rubens, for whom he professed an enthusiattick admiration. He swore, that the pleasure he felt was equal to that of a Mussulman, on the last day of his pilgrimage to Mecca; and that he already confidered himself a native of Antwerp, being so intimately acquainted with their so justly boasted citizen, from whom, at certain junctures, he could not help believing himself derived, because his own pencil adopted the manner of that great man with surprizing facility, and his face wanted nothing but a pair of whilkers and a beard to exhibit the express image of the Fleming's countenance. He told them he was so proud of this resemblance, that, in order to render it more firiking, he had at one time of his life resolved to keep his face sacred from the razor; and in that purpose had persevered, notwithstanding the continual representions of Mrs. Pallet, who being then with child, said, his aspect was so hideous, that she dreaded a miscarriage every hour, until she threatened, in plain terms, to dispute the fanity of his intellects, and apply to the chancellor for a committee.

The doctor, on this occasion, obferved, that a man who is not proof against the solicitations of a woman, can never expect to make a great figure in life; that painters and poets ought to cultivate no wives but the muses; or if they are, by the accidents of fortune, encumbered with families, they should carefully guard against that pernicious weakness, falsely honoured with the appellation of natural affection, and pay no manuer of regard to the impertinent customs of the world. Granting that you had been, for a short time, deemed a lunatic, faid he, you might have acquitted yourfelf honourably of that imputation, by some performs ance that would have raised your character above all censure. Sophocles himself, that celebrated tragick poet, who, for the sweetness of his versification, was filed mixida, or the bee, in his old age suffered the same accufation from his own children, who feeing him neglect his family affairs, and devote himself entirely to poetry, carried him before the magistrate, as a man whose intellects were so much impaired by the infirmities of age, that he was no longer fit to manage his domestick concerns; upon which the reverend bard produced his tragedy of Oιδιπους επι κολωνω, as a work he had just finished; which being perused, instead of being declared unfound of understanding, he was dismissed with admiration and applause. I wish your beard and whiskers had been fanctioned by the like authority; though I am afraid you would have been in the predicament of those disseiples of a certain philosopher, who drank decoctions of cummin feeds, that their faces might adopt the paleness of their master's complexion; hoping, that in being as wan, they " would be as learned as their teacher." The painter, flung with this farcasm, replied, 'Or like those virtuosi, who, by repeating Gnek, eating fillikickaby, and pretending to fee vilions, think

they equal the ancients in taste and genius. The physician retorted, Pallet rejoined, and the altercation continued, until they entered the gates of Antwerp; when the admirer of Rubens broke forth into a rapturous exclamation, which put an end to the dispute, and attracted the notice of the inhabitants, many of whom, by shrugging up their shoulders, and pointing to their foreheads, gave shrewd indications that they believed him a poor gentleman disordered in his brain.

They had no sooner alighted at the inn, than this pseudo-enthusiast proposed to visit the great church, in which he had been informed some of his master's pieces were to be seen; and was remarkably chagrined, when he understood that he could not be admitted till next day. He rose next morning by day-break, and disturbed his fellow-travellers in such a noify and clamorous manner, that Peregrine determined to punish him with some new infliction; and while he put on his cloaths, actually formed the plan of promoting a duel between him and the doctor; in the management of which, he promised himself store of entertainment, from the behaviour of both.

Being provided with one of those dometticks who are always in waiting to offer their services to strangers on their first arrival, they were conducted to the house of a gentleman who had an excellent collection of pictures; and though the greatest part of them were painted by his favourite artist, Pallet condemned them all by the lump, because Pickle had told him before-hand, that there was not one performance of Rubens among the number.

The next place they vifited, was what is called the academy of painting, furnished with a number of paltry pieces, in which our painter recognized the style of Peter Paul, with many expressions of admiration, on the same fort of previous intelligence.

From this repository they went to the great church; and being led to the tomb of Rubens, the whimsical painter fell upon his knees, and worshipped, with such appearance of devotion, that the attendant, scandalized at his superstition, pulled him up; observing, with great warmth, that the person buried in that place was no saint, but as great a sinner as himself; and that if he was spiritually disposed,

disposed, there was a chapel of the Blesfed Virgin, at the distance of three yards on the right hand, to which he might retire. He thought it was incumbent upon him to manifest some extraordinary inspiration, while he resided on the fpot where Rubens was born; and therefore his whole behaviour was an affecttation of rapture, expressed in distracted exclamations, convultive starts, and uncouth gesticulations. In the midst of his frantick behaviour, he faw an old capuchin with a white beard mount the pulpit, and hold forth to the congregation with such violence of emphafis and gesture, as captivated his fancy; and bawling aloud, 'Zounds! what an excellent Paul preaching at Athens!' he pulled a pencil and a small memorandum book from his pocket, and began to take a sketch of the orator, with great eagerness and agitation, saying, 'Egad! friend Raphael, we shall see whether you or I have got the best knack of trump-' ing up an apostle.' This appearance of difrespect gave offence to the audience, which began to murmur against this hereticklibertine; when one of the priefts belonging to the choir, in order to prevent any ill consequence from their displeasure, came and told him in the French language, that fuch liberties were not permitted in their religion, and advised him to lay aside his implements, left the eople would take umbrage at his defign, and be provoked to punish him as a profane scoffer at their worship.

The painter feeing himself addressed by a friar, who, while he spoke, bowed with great complaisance, imagined that he was a begging brother, come to supplicate his charity; and his attention being quite ingrossed by the design he was making, he patted the priess's shaven crown with his hand, saying, 'Oter tems,' oter tems;' and then resumed his pencil with great earnestness. The ecclesiastick perceiving that the stranger did not comprehend his meaning, pulled him by the sleeve, and explained himself in the Latin tongue: upon which Pallet, provoked at his intrusion, cursed him aloud for an impudent beggarly son of a whore; and taking out a shilling, slung it upon the pavement, with manifest signs of in-

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Some of the common people, enraged to fee their religion contemned, and their priefts infulted at the very altar, rofe from their feats; and furrounding the

aftonished painter, one of the number snatched his book from his hand, and tore it into a thousand pieces. Frightened as he was, he could not help crying. Fire and faggots! all my favourite ideas are gone to wreck!' and was in danger of being very roughly handled by the crowd, had not Peregrine stepped in, and affured them, that he was a poor unhappy gentleman, who laboured under a transport of the brain. Those who understood the French language commu nicated this information to the reft, so that he escaped without any other chastifement, than that of being obliged to retire. And as they could not see the famous descent from the cross till after the service was finished, they were conducted by their domestick to the house of a painter, where they found a beggar standing for his picture, and the artist actually employed in representing a huge louse that crawled upon his shoulder. Pallet was wonderfully pleased with this circumstance, which he said was altogether a new thought, and an excellent hint, of which he would make his advantage: and in the course of his survey of this Fleming's performances, perceiving a piece in which two flies were engaged upon the carcase of a dog half devoured, he ran to his brother brush, and swore he was worthy of being a fellow-citizen of the immortal Rubens. He then lamented, with many expresfions of grief and resentment, that he had lost his common place book, in which he had preserved a thousand conceptions of the same fort, formed by the accidental objects of his senses and imagination; and took an opportunity of telling his fellow-travellers, that in execution he had equalled, if not excelled, the two ancient painters who vied with each other in the representation of a curtain and a bunch of grapes; for he had exhibited the image of a certain object so like to nature, that the base fight of it set a whole hog-stye in an uproar.

When he had examined and applauded all the productions of this minute artift, they returned to the great church, and were entertained with the view of that celebrated mafter piece of Rubens, in which he has introduced the portraits of himself and his whole family. The doors that conceal this capital performance were no sooner unfolded, than our enthusialt, debarred the use of speech, by a previous covenant with his friend

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Pickle, lifted up his hands and eyes, and putting himfelf in the attitude of Hamlet, when his father's ghoft appears, adored in filent extafy and awe. He even made a merit of necessity; and when they had withdrawn from the place, protested that his whole faculties were swallowed up in love and admiration. He now professed himself more than ever enamoured of the Flemish school, raved in extravagant encomiums, and proposed that the whole company should pay homage to the memory of the divine Rubens, by repairing forthwith to the house in which he lived, and prostrating themselves on the stoor of his painting-room.

As there was nothing remarkable in the tenement, which had been rebuilt more than once fince the death of that great man, Peregrine excused himself from complying with the proposal, on pretence of being satigued with the cirevit they had already performed. Jolter declined it for the same reason; and the question being put to the doctor, he refused his company with an air of difdain. Pallet piqued at his contemptuous manner, asked if he would not go and fee the habitation of Pindoor, provided he was in the city where that poet lived; and when the physician observed that there was an infinite difference between the men; ' That I'll allow,' replied the painter, ' for the devil a poet ever lived in Greece or Troy, that was worthy to clean the pencils of our be-I loved Rubens.' The phyfician could not with any degree of temper and forbearance hear this outrageous blasphemy, for which, he faid, Pallet's eyes ought to be picked out by owls; and the dispute arose, as usual, to such scurrilities of language, and indecency of behaviour, that passengers began to take notice of their animofity, and Peregrine was obliged to interpose for his own cre-

CHAP. XXIX.

PEREGRINE ARTFULLY FOMENTS A QUARREL BETWEEN PALLET AND THE PHYSICIAN, WHO FIGHT A DUEL ON THE RAM-PARTS.

THE painter betook himself to the house of the Flemish Raphael, and the rest of the company went back to

their lodgings; where the young gentleman, taking the advantage of being alone with the physician, recapitulated all the affronts he had sustained from the painter's petulance, aggravating every circumstance of the disgrace, and advising him, in the capacity of a friend, to take care of his honour, which could not fail to suffer in the opinion of the world, if he allowed himself to be insufficient in the consideration.

The physician assured him, that Pallet had hitherto escaped chastisement, by being deemed an object unworthy his resentment, and in consideration of the wretch's samily, for which his compassion was interested; but, that repeated injuries would instame the most benevolent disposition: and although he could find no precedent of duelling among the Greeks and Romans, whom he considered as the patterns of demeanour, Pallet should no longer avail himself of his veneration for the ancients, but be punished for the very next offence he should commit.

Having thus spirited up the doctor to a refolution from which he could not decently fwerve, our adventurer acted the incendiary with the other party also; giving him to understand, that the phyfician treated his character with fuch contempt, and behaved to him with fuch insolence, as no gentleman ought to bear: that for his own part, he was every day put out of countenance by their mutual animofity, which appeared in nothing but vulgar expressions, more becoming shoe-boys and oyster-women than men of honour and education; and therefore he should be obliged, contrary to his inclination, to break off all cor-respondence with them both, if they would not fall upon some method to retrieve the dignity of their characters.

These representations would have had little effect upon the timidity of the painter, who was likewise too much of a Grecian to approve of single combat in any other way than that of boxing, an exercise in which he was well skilled, had not they been accompanied with an infinuation, that his antagonist was no Hector, and that he might humble him into any concession, without running the least personal risk. Animated by this assurance, our second Rubens set the trumpet of defiance to his mouth;

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Swore he valued not his life a rush, when his honour was concerned; and intreated Mr. Pickle to be the bearer of a challenge, which he would instantly commit

to writing.

The mischievous fomentor highly applauded this manifestation of courage, by which he was at liberty to cultivate his friendship and society; but declined the office of carrying the billet, that his tenderness of Pallet's reputation might not be misinterpreted into an officious desire of promoting quarrels. At the same time he recommended Tom Pipes, not only as a very proper messenger on this occasion, but also as a trusty second in the field. The magnanimous painter took his advice, and retiring to his chamber, penned a challenge in these terms.

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HEN I am heartily provok'ed, I fear not the devil himfelf; much les—I will not call
you a pedantick coxcomb, nor an unmannerly fellow, because these are the
hippythets of the wulgar: but, remember, such as you are, I nyther love
you nor fear you; but on the contrary, expect satisfaction for your audacious behaviour to me on divers occasions; and will, this evening, in the
twilight, meet you on the ramparts
with sword and pittol, where the Lord
have mercy on the soul of one of us;
for your body shall find no favour
with your incensed defier, till death,

· LAYMAN PALLET.

This resolute defiance, after having been submitted to the perusal, and honoured with the approbation of our youth, was committed to the charge of Pipes; who, according to his orders, delivered it in the afternoon; and brought for anfwer, that the physician would attend him at the appointed time and place. The challenger was evidently discomposed at the unexpected news of this acceptance, and ran about the house in great disorder, in quest of Peregrine, to beg his farther advice and affittance; but understanding that the youth was engaged in private with his adversary, he began to suspect some collusion, and curfed himself for his folly and precipitation. He even entertained fome thoughts.

of retracting his invitation, and submitting to the triumph of his antagonist; but before he would stoop to this opprobrious condescention, he resolved to try another expedient, which might be the means of saving both his character and person. In this hope he visited Mr. Jolter, and very gravely desired he would be so good as to undertake the effice of his second, in a duel which he was to sight that evening with the physician.

The governor, instead of answering his expectation, in expressing fear and concern, and breaking forth into excla-mations of, 'Good God! gentlemen, 'what d'ye mean? You shall not murder one another while it is in my power er to prevent your purpose. I will go directly to the governor of the place, who shall interpose his autho-rity.' I say, instead of these and other friendly menaces of prevention, Jolter heard the proposal with the most phieg-matick tranquillity, and excused himfelf from accepting the honour he intended for him, on account of his character and fituation, which would not permit him to be concerned in any fuch rencounters. Indeed, this mortifying reception was owing to a previous hint from Peregrine; who, dreading some fort of interruption from his governor, had made him acquainted with his defign, and affured him, that the affair should not be brought to any dangerous

Thus disappointed, the dejected challenger was overwhelmed with perplexity and difinay; and in the terrors of death or mutilation, refolved to deprecate the wrath of his enemy, and conform to any fubmission he should propose; when he was accidentally encountered by our adventurer, who, with demonstrations of infinite fatisfaction, told him in confidence, that his billet had thrown the doctor into an agony of consternation; that the acceptance of his challenge was a mere effort of despair, calculated to confound the ferocity of the fender, and dispose him to litten to terms of accommodation; that he had imparted the letter to him with fear and trembling, on pretence of engaging him as a second, but in reality, with a view of obtaining his good offices in promoting a reconciliation: 'But, perceiving the fituation 'of his mind,' added our hero, 'I thought it would be more for your ' honour to baffle his expectation, and

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therefore I readily undertook the talk of attending him to the field, in full affurance, that he will there humble himself before you, even to prostration. In this fecurity, you may go and prepare your arms, and beipeak the affiftance of Pipes, who will fquire you in the field, while I keep myself up, that our correspondence may not be fuspected by the physician.' Pallet's spirits, that were funk to dejection, rose at this encouragement to all the insolence of triumph; he again declaring his contempt of danger, and his pittels being loaded and accommodated with new flints by his trufty armour-bearer, waited, without flinching, for the hour of battle.

On the first approach of twilight, fomebody knocked at his door, and Pipes having opened it at his defire, he heard the voice of his antagonist pronounce, ' Tell Mr. Pallet, that I am going to the place of appointment.' The painter was not a little surprized at this anticipation, which so ill agreed with the information he had received from Pickle; and his concern beginning to recur, he fortified himfelf with a large bumper of brandy, which, however, did not overcome the anxiety of his thoughts. Nevertheless, he fet out on the expedition with his second, betwixt whom and himself the following dialogue paffed, in their way to the ramparts. 'Mr. Pipes,' faid the painter, with disordered accent, ' methinks the doctor was in a peftilent hurry with that message of his.'- Ey, ey, answered Tom, 'I do suppose he longs to be foul of you. - 'What!' replied the other, ' d'ye think he thirsts after my blood?'- To be fure a does,' faid Pipes, thrusting a large quid of tobacco in his cheek, with great deliberation. ' If that be the case,' cried Pallet, beginning to shake, ' he is no better than a cannibal, and no Christian ought to fight on an equal footing. Tom observing his emotion, eyed him with a frown of indignation, faying, ' You an't afraid, are you?'- God forbid!' replied the challenger, stammering with fear. ' What should I be afraid of? The worst he can do is to take my life, and then he'll be an-· fwerable both to God and man for the murder: don't you think he will?'-I think no fuch matter,' answered the fecond; 'if so be as how he puts a brace

of bullets through your bows, and ' kills you fairly, it is no more murder than if I was to bring down a noddy from the main top fail yard. By this time Pallet's teeth chattered with fuch violence, that he could scarce pronounce this reply; 'Mr. Thomas, you feem to make very light of a man's flife; but I trust in the Almighty, I shall not be so easily brought down. Sure many a man has fought a duel, without losing his life! Do you imagine that I run fuch hazard of falling by the hand of my adversary?"— You may, or may not,' faid the unconcerned Pipes, 'just as it happens. What then? Death is a debt that every man owes, according to the fong; and if you set foot to foot, I think one of you must go to pot '—' Foot to foot!' exclaimed the terrified painter, ' that's ' downright butchery; and I'll be ' damn'd before I fight any man on earth in fuch a barbarous way. What ! d'ye take me to be a savage beast?' This declaration he made while they ascended the ramparts. His attendant perceiving the physician and his second at the distance of an hundred paces before them, gave him notice of their appearance, and advised him to make ready, and behave like a man. Pallet in vain endeavoured to conceal his pannick, which discovered itself in an univerfal trepidation of body, and the lamentable tone in which he answered this exhortation of Pipes, faying, I do behave like a man; but you would have me act the part of a brute. Are they coming this way?' When Tom told him that they had faced about, and admonished him to advance, the nerves of his arm refused their office, he could not hold out his piftol, and instead of going forward, retreated with an infenfibility of motion; till Pipes, placing himself in the rear, set his own back to that of his principal, and fwore he flould not budge an inch farther in that di-

While the valet thus tutored the painter, his mafter enjoyed the terrors of the physician, which were more ridiculous than those of Pallet, because he was intent upon disguising them. His declaration to Pickle in the morning, would not suffer him to start any objections when he received the challenge; and finding that the young gentleman made no offer of mediating the affair,

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but rather congratulated him on the occasion, when he communicated the painter's billet, all his efforts consisted in oblique hints and general reflections upon the absurdity of duelling, which was first introduced among civilized nations by the barbarous Huns and Longobards. He likewise pretended to ridicule the use of fite arms, which confounded all the distinctions of skill and address, and deprived a combatant of the opportunity of figualizing his per-

fonal prowers.

Pickle affented to the justness of his observations; but at the same time represented the necessity of complying with the customs of the world, (ridiculous as they were) on which a man's honour and reputation depend. So that, seeing no hopes of profiting by that artifice, the republican's agitation became more and more remarkable; and he proposed in plain terms, that they should contend in armour, like the combatants of assent days; for it was but reasonable, that they should practise the manner of fighting, since they adopted the disposition

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Nothing could have afforded more diversion to our hero, than the fight of two fuch duellifts cased in iron; and he wished that he had promoted the quarrel in Brussels, where he could have hired the armour of Charles the Eifth, and the valiant Duke of Parma, for their accommodation: but as there was no possibility of furnishing them cap-a-pee at Antwerp, he perfuaded him to conform to the modern use of the sword, and meet the painter on his own terms; and suspecting that his fear would supply him with other excuses for declining the combat, he comforted him with some distant infinuations, to the prejudice of his adversary's courage, which would in all probability evaporate before any mischief could happen.

Notwithstanding this encouragement, he could not suppress the reluctance with which he went to the field, and cast many a wistful look over his left shoulder, to see whether or not his adversary was at his steels. When by the advice of his second, he took possession of the ground, and turned about with his face to the enemy, it was not so dark, but that Peregrine could perceive the unusual paleness of his countenance, and the sweat standing in large drops upon his forehead; may, there was a mani-

fest disorder in his speech, when he regretted his want of the Pila and Parma, with which he would have made a rattling noise, to assonish his foe, in springing forward, and singing the hymn to battle, in the manner of the ancients.

In the mean time, observing the hefitation of his antagonist, who, far from advancing, feemed to recoil, and even struggle with his second, he guessed the fituation of the painter's thoughts; and collecting all the manhood that he posfeffed, seized the opportunity of profiting by his enemy's consternation. Striking his fword and pistol together, he advanced in a fort of trot, raising a foud howl, in which he repeated, in lieu of the Spattan fong, part of the strophe from one of Pindar's Pythia, beginning with Ek theon gor makanai pafai Broteais arctais, &c. This imitation of the Greeks had all the defired effect upon the painter, who feeing the physician running towards him like a fury, with a piftol in his right-hand, which was extended, and hearing the dreadful yell he uttered, and the outlandish words he pronounced, was seized with an universal pally of his limbs. He would have dropped down upon the ground, had not Pipes supported and encouraged him to stand upon his defence. The doctor, contrary to his expectation, finding that he had not slinched from the spot, though he had now performed one half of his career, but in practice his lost affects he faire out in practice his last effort, by firing His piffel; the noise of which no sooner reached the ears of the affrighted painter, than he recommended his foul to God, and roared for mercy with great vociferation.

The republican, overjoyed at this exclamation, commanded him to yield, and furrender his arms, on pain of immediate death; upon which he threw away his pittols and fword, in fpite of all the admonitions and even threats of his second, who left him to his fate, and went up to his master, stopping his nose with figns of loathing and abhorrence.

The victor having won the Spelia Opima, granted him his life on condition, that he would on his knees supplicate his pardon, acknowledge himself inferior to his conqueror in every virtue and qualification, and promife for the future to merit his favour by submission and respect. These insolent terms were readily embraced by the unfor-

tunate challenger; who fairly owned, that he was not at all calculated for the purposes of war, and that henceforth he would contend with no weapon but his pencil. He begged with great humility, that Mr. Pickle would not think the worse of his morals for this defect of courage, which was a natural infirmity inherited from his father, and suspend his opinion of his talents, until he should have an opportunity of contemplating the charms of his Cleopatra, which would be finished in less than three months.

Our hero observed, with an affected air of displeasure, that no man could be justly condemned for being subject to the impressions of fear; and therefore his cowardice might easily be forgiven: but there was something so presumptuous, dishonest, and dilingenuous, in arrogating a quality to which he knew he had not the smallest pretension, that he could not forget his misbehaviour all at once, though he would condescend to communicate with him as formerly, in hopes of feeing a reformation in his conduct. Pallet protested, that there was no diffimulation in the case; for he was ignorant of his own weakness, until his resolution was put to the trial: he faithfully promised to demean himself, during the remaining part of the tour, with that conscious modelty and penitence which became a person in his condition; and, for the present, implored the assistance of Mr. Pipes, in disembarrassing him from the disagreeable consequence of

CHAP. XXX.

THE DOCTOR EXULTS IN HIS VICTORY. THEY SET OUT FOR ROTTERDAM, WHERE THEY ARE ENTERTAINED BY TWO DUTCH GENTLEMEN IN A YACHT, WHICH IS OVERTURNED IN THE MAEZE, TO THE MANIFEST HAZARD OF THE PAINTER'S LIFE. THEY SPEND THE EVENING WITH THEIR ENTERTAINERS, AND NEXT DAY VISIT A CABINET OF CURIOSITIES.

TOM was accordingly ordered to minister to his occasions; and the conqueror, elated with his success, which he in a great measure attributed to his manner of attack, and the hymn which he howled, told Peregrine, that he was now convinced of the truth of what Pindar fung in these words, Osfa de me pephileke Zeus, atuzontai Boan Pieridon aionta; for he had no sooner begun to repeat the mellisuent strains of that divine poet, than the wretch his antagonist was confounded, and his nerves

unftrung.
On their return to the inn, he expatiated on the prudence and tranquillity of his own behaviour, and afcribed the consternation of Pallet to the remembrance of some crime that lay heavy upon his conscience: for, in his opinion, a man of virtue and common fense could not possibly be afraid of death, which is not only the peaceful harbour that receives him shattered on the tempessuous sea of life, but also the eternal feal of his fame and glory, which it is no longer in his power to forfeit and forego. He lamented his fate, in being doomed to live in fuch degenerate days, when war is become a mercenary trade; and ardently wished, that the day would come, when he should have fuch an opportunity of fignalizing his courage in the cause of liberty, as that of Marathon, where an handful of Athenians, fighting for their freedom, de-feated the whole strength of the Persian empire. 'Would to Heaven!' faid he, my muse were blessed with an occafion to emulate that glorious testimony on the trophy in Cyprus, erected by Cimon, for two great victories gained on the same day over the Persians by fea and land; in which it is very re-markable, that the greatness of the occasion has raised the manner of expression above the usual simplicity and modesty of all other ancient inscriptions. He then repeated it with all the pomp of declamation, and fignified his hope, that the French would one day invade us with fuch an army as that which Xerxes led into Greece, that it might be in his power to devote himfelf, like Leonidas, to the freedom of his country.

This memorable combat being thus determined, and every thing that was remarkable in Antwerp surveyed, they sent their baggage down the Scheld to Rotterdam, and set out for the same place in a post-waggon, which that same evening brought them in safety to the banks of the Maeze. They put up at an English

lift bouse of entertainment, remarkable for the modelly and moderation of the landlord; and next morning the doctor went in person, to deliver letters of recommendation to two Dutch gentlemen, from one of his acquaintance at Paris. Neither of them happened to be at home when he called; so that he left a message at their lodgings, with his address; and in the afternoon they waited upon the company, and after many hospitable professions, one of the two invited them to seem the country at his house.

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Meanwhile they had provided a pleafure-yacht, in which they proposed to treat them with an excursion upon the Maeze. This being almost the only diversion that place affords, our young gentleman relished the proposal; and notwithstanding the remonstrances of Mr. Jolter, who declined the voyage on account of the roughness of the weather, they went on board without helitation, and found a collation prepared in the cabbin. While they tacked to and fro in the river, under the impulse of a mackarel breeze, the phylician expressed his satisfaction, and Pallet was ravished with the entertain-ment. But the wind increasing, to the unspeakable joy of the Dutchmen, who had now an opportunity of shewing their dexterity in the management of the veffel, the guests found it inconvenient to stand upon deck, and impossible to sit below, on account of the clouds of tobacco smoke which rolled from the pipes of their entertainers, in fuch volumes as annoyed them even to the hazard of fuffocation. This fumigation, together with the extraordinary motion of the thip, began to affect the head and stomach of the painter, who begged earneitly to be set on shore: but the Dutch gentlemen, who had no idea of his fuf-ferings, infilted, with furprizing obsti-nacy of regard, upon his staying until he should see an instance of the skill of their mariners; and bringing him on deck, commanded the men to carry the veffel's lee gun wale under water. This nicety of navigation they inflantly performed, to the admiration of Pickle, the discomposure of the doctor, and terror of Pallet, who bleffed himfelf from the courtefy of a Dutchman, and prayed to Heaven for his deliverance.

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While the Hollanders enjoyed the reputation of this feat, and the diffress of the painter at the same time, the yacht was overtaken by a sudden squall, that

overfet her in a moment, and flung every man overboard into the Maeze, before they could have the least warning of their fate, much less, time to provide against the accident. Peregrine, who was an expert swimmer, reached the shore in safety; the physician, in the agonies of despair, laid tast hold on the trunk-breeches of one of the men, who dragged him to the other fide; the entertainers landed at the bomb-keys, fmoking their pipes all the way with great deliberation; and the poor painter must have gone to the bottom, had not he been encountered by the cable of a ship, that lay at anchor near the scene of their difafter. Though his fenses had forfaken him, his hands fastened by infinct on this providential occurrence, which he held with fuch a convultive grasp, that when a boat was sent out to bring him on shore, it was with the utmost difficulty that his fingers were dilengaged. He was carried into a house, deprived of the use of speech, and bereft of all fensation; and being suspended by the heels, a vast quantity of water ran out of his mouth. This evacuation being made, he began to utter dreadful groans, which gradually increased to a continued roar; and after he had regained the use of his fenses, he underwent a delirium that lasted several hours. for the treaters, they never dreamed of expressing the least concern to Pickle or the physician for what had happened, because it was an accident so common as to pals without notice.

Leaving the care of the vessel to the feamen, the company retired to their respective lodgings, in order to shift their cloaths; and in the evening our travellers were conducted to the house of their new friend; who, with a view of making his invitation the more agreeable, had assembled to the number of twenty or thirty Englishmen, of all ranks and degrees, from the merchant to the peri-

wig-maker's apprentice.

In the midft of this congregation flood a chafing dish with live coals, for the convenience of lighting their pipes, and every individual was accommodated with a spitting-box. There was not a mouth in the apartment unfurnished with a tube, so that they resembled a convocation of chimeras breathing fire and smooth; and our gentlemen were fain to imitate their example in their own defence. It is not to be supposed that the conversation was

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either very sprightly or polite; the whole entertainment was of the Dutch cast, frowzy and phlegmatick; and our adventurer, as he returned to his lodging, tortured with the head-ach, and difguited with every circumstance of his treat-ment, cursed the hour in which the dochad faddled them with fuch troubletome

companions.

Next morning by eight o'clock these polite Hollanders returned the vifit, and after breakfast, attended their English friends to the house of a person that posfelled a very curious cabinet of curiolities, to which they had secured our com-pany's admission. The owner of this pany's admission. The owner of this collection was a cheelemonger, who received them in a wollen night-cap, with straps buttoned under his chin. As he understood no language but his own, he told them, by the canal of one of their conductors, that he did not make a practice of shewing his curiosities; but understanding that they were English-men, and recommended to his friends, he was content to Submit them to their perufal. So faying, he led them them up a dark stair-case, into a small room, decorated with a few paltry figures in plaister of Paris, two or three miserable landscapes, the skins of an otter, seal, and some sieres stuffed; and in one cornew flood a glass-case, furnished with newts, frogs, lizards, and serpents, preferved in spirits; a human fœrus, a calf with two heads, and about two dozen of butterflies pinned upon paper.

The virtuofo having exhibited thefe particulars, eyed the strangers with a look foliciting admiration and applause; and as he could not perceive any fymptom of either in their gestures or countenances, withdrew a curtain, and displayed a wainfcot cheft of drawers, in which he gave them to understand was something that would agreeably amuse the imagination. Our travellers, regaled with this notice, imagined that they would be entertained with the fight of fome curious medals, or other productions of antiquity; but how were they disappointed, when they saw nothing but a variety of shells, disposed in whims fical figures, in each drawer. After he had detained them full two hours with a tedious commentary upon the shape, fize, and colour of each department, he, with a supercilious simper, defired that the English gentlemen would frankly and candidly declare whether his cabinet, or

that of Mynheer Sloane, at London, was the most valuable. When this request was signified in English to the company, the painter inftantly exclaimed, By the Lard! they are not to be named of a day. And as for that matter, I would not give one corner of Saltero's coffeehouse, at Chelsea, for all the trash he hath flewn. Peregrine, unwilling to mortify any person who had done his endeavour to please him, observed, that what he had seen was very curious and entertaining; but that no private collection in Europe was equal to that of Sir Hans Sloane, which, exclusive of pre-fents, had cost an hundred thousand pounds. The two conductors were con-founded at this asseveration, which be-ing communicated to the cheesemonger, he shook his head with a fignificant grin; and though he did not chufe to express his incredulity in words, gave our hero to understand, that he did not much depend upon his veracity.

From the house of this Dutch natu-

ralift, they were dragged all round the city, by the painful civility of their attendants, who did not quit them till the evening was well advanced, and then not till after they had promised to be with them before ten o'clock next day, in order to conduct them to a country-house, fituated in a pleafant village on the other

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Pickle was already so much fatigued with their hospitality, that, for the first time of his life, he suffered a dejection of fpirits; and resolved, at any rate, to avoid the threatened persecution of to-morrow. With this view he ordered his fervants to pack up some cloaths and linen in a portmanteau; and in the morning embarked with his governor, in the treck skuyt, for the Hague, whither he pretended to be called by fome urgent occasion, leaving his fellow-travellers to make his apology to their friends; and affuring them, that he would not proceed for Amsterdam without their fociety. He arrived at the Hague in the forenoon, and dined at an ordinary frequented by officers and people of fashion; where being informed, that the princess would see company in the evening, he dressed himself in a rich suit of the Parisian cut, and went to court without any introduction. A perfon of his appearance could not fail to attract the notice of fuch a small cir-cle. The prince himself, understanding he was an Englishman and a stran- telling him that he had found an expeger, went up to him without ceremony, and having welcomed him to the place, converled with him for some minutes on the common topicks of discourse.

CHAP. XXXI.

THEY PROCEED TO THE HAGUE; FROM WHENCE THEY DEPART FOR AMSTERDAM, WHERE THEY SEE A DUTCH TRAGEDY. VISIT THE MUSICK-HOUSE, IN WHICH PERECRINE QUARRELS WITH THE CAPTAIN OF A MAN OF WAR. THEY PASSTHROUGH HAARLEM, IN THEIR WAY TO LEYDEN. RE-TURN TO ROTTERDAM, WHERE THE COMPANY SEPARATES, AND OUR HERO, WITH HIS ATTEN-DANTS, ARRIVES IN SAFETY AT HARWICH.

BEING joined by their fellow-tra-vellers, in the morning, they made a tour to all the remarkable places in this celebrated village; faw the foun-dery, the Stadthouse, the Spinhuys, Vauxhall, and Count Bentinck's gar-dens, and in the evening went to the French comedy, which was directed by a noted harlequin, who had found means to flatter the Dutch tafte so effectually, that they extolled him as the greatest actor that ever appeared in the province of Holland. This famous province of Holland. company did not represent regular theatrical pieces, but only a fort of impromptus, in which this noted player always performed the greatest part of the entertainment. Among other fallies of wit that escaped him, there was one circumstance so remarkably adapted to the disposition and genius of his audience, that it were pity to pass it over in filence. A windmill being exhibited on the scene, harlequin, after having surveyed it with curiofity and admiration, alks of one of the millers the use of that machine; and being told, that it was a windmill, observes with some concern, that as there was not the least breath of wind, he could not have the pleasure of feeing it turn round. Urged by this confideration, he puts himself into the attitude of a person wrapped in profound meditation; and having continued a few feconds in this posture, runs to the miler with great eagerness and joy, and

dient to make his mill work, very fairly unbuttons his breeches; then presenting his posteriors to the fails of the machine, certain explosions are immediately heard, and the arms of the mill begin to turn round, to the infinite satisfaction of the spectators, who approve the joke with loud peals of applaule.

Our travellers staid a few days at the Hague, during which the young gentler man waited on the British ambassador, to whom he was recommended by his excellency at Paris, and loft about thirty. guineas at billiards to a French adventurer, who decoyed him into the snare by keeping up his game. Then they departed in a post-waggon for Amsterdam, being provided with letters of introduction to an English merchant refiding in that city, under whole auspices they visited every thing worth seeing, and among other excursions went to see a Dutch tragedy afted; an entertainment which, of all others, had the strangest effect upon the organs of our hero; the dress of their chief personages was so antick, their manner so aukwardly abfurd, and their language fo ridiculously unfit for conveying the fentiments of love and honour, that Peregrine's nerves were diuretically affected with the complicated abfurdity, and he was compelled to withdraw twenty times before the catastrophe of the piece.

The fubject of this performance was the famous story of Scipio's continence and virtue, in restoring the fair captive to her lover. The young Roman hero was represented by a broad-faced Batavian, in a burgo-master's gown, and a fur cap, fitting smoaking his pipe at a table furnished with a cann of beer, a drinking-glass, and a plate of tobacco: the lady was such a person as Scipio might very well be supposed to give away, without any great effort of generofity; and indeed the Celtiberian prince feemed to be of that opinion; for, upon receiving her from the hand of the victor, he discovered none of those transports of gratitude and joy which Livy de-scribes in recounting this event. The Dutch Scipio, however, was complai-fant enough in his way; for he defired her to fit at his right-hand, by the appellation of Ya frow, and with his own fingers filling a clean pipe, presented it to Mynheer Allucio the lover. The rest of the economy of the piece was in the

fame talle, which was to agreeable to the audience, that they feemed to have fakes off their natural phlegm, in orde to applicable the performance.

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From the play our company adjourned to the house of their friend, where they spent the evening; and the conversation turning upon poetry, a Dutchman who was present, and understood the English language, having listened very attentively to the discourse, listed up with both hands the greatest part of a Cheshire-cheese that lay upon the table, faying.

I do know var is boetrie. Mine brotte be a great boet, and are vrought a book as dick as all dat. Pickle, diverted with this method of estimating an author according to the quantity of his works, enquired about the subjects of this bard's writings; but of these his brother could give no account, or other information, but that there was little market for the commodity, which hung heavy upon his hands, and induced him to wish he had applied himself to another

The only remarkable scene in Amferdam, which our company had not feen, was the Spuyl, or mufick houses, which, by the connivance of the magifrates, are maintained for the recreation of those who might attempt the chastity of creditable women, if they were not provided with fuch conveniences. one of these night-houses did our travellers repair, under the conduct of the English merchant, and were introduced into fuch another place as the ever memorable coffee-house of Moll King; with this difference, that the company here were not so riotous as the Bucks of Covent-Garden, but formed them-felges into a circle, within which some of the number danced to the munick of a feurvy organ, and a few other inftruments, that uttered tunes very fuitable to the disposition of the hearers, while the whole apartment was shrouded with clouds of smoak impervious to the view. When our gentlemen entered, the floor was occupied by two females and their gallants, who, in the performance of their exercise, lifted their legs like so many oxen at plough; and the pipe of one of those hoppers happening to be exhausted, in the midst of his faraband, he very deliberately drew forth his tobacco box, filling and lighting it again, without any interruption to the dance. Peregrine being unchecked by the pre-

fence of his governor, who was too tender of his own reputation to attend them in this expedition, made up to a fprightly French girl that fat in feeming expectation of a cultomer, and prevailing upon her to be his partner, led her into the circle, and, in his turn, took the opportunity of dancing a minuet, to the admiration of all prefent. He intended to have exhibited another specimen of his ability in this art, when a captain of a Dutch man of war chancing to come in, and seeing a stranger engaged with the lady whom, it seems, he had bespoke for his bed-fellow, he advanced, without any ceremony, and seizing her by the arm, pulled her to the other fide of the room. Our adventurer, who was not a man to put up with such a brutal affront, followed the ravisher with indignation in his eyes; and pulling him on one side, retook the subject of their contest, and led her back to the place from whence she had been dragged. The Durchman, enraged at the youth's prefumption, obeyed the first dictates of his choler, and lent his rival a hearty box on the ear; which was immediately repaid with interest, before our hero could recollect himself sufficiently to lay his hand upon his sword, and beckon the aggressor to the door.

Notwithstanding the confusion and diforder which this affair produced in the room, and the endeavours of Pickle's company, who interpoled, in order to prevent bloodflied, the antagonists reached the fireet; and Peregrine drawing, was furprized to fee the captain advance against him with a long knife, which he preferred to the fword that hung by his fide. The youth, confounded at this preposterous behaviour, desired him, in the French tongue, to lay afide that vul-gar implement, and approach like a gentleman: but the Hollander, who neither understood the proposal, nor would have complied with his demand had he been made acquainted with his meaning, rushed forward like a desperado, before his adversary could put himself on his guard; and if the young gentleman had not been endued with furprizing agility, his note would have fallen a facrifice to the fury of the affailant. Finding himself in such imminent jeopardy, he leaped to one fide, and the Dutchman paffing him, in the force of his career, he with one nimble kick made fuch application to his enemy's heels, that he flew like light-

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ning into the canal, where he had almost perished by pitching upon one of the posts with which it was faced.

Peregrine having performed this ex-ploit, did not stay for the captain's com-ing on shore, but retreated with all dif-patch, by the advice of his conductor; and next day embarked, with his com-panions, in the skuyt, for Haarlem, where they dined, and in the evening arrived at the ancient city of Leyden, where they met with some English students, who treated them with great hofpitality. Not but that the harmony of the conversation was that same night interrupted by a dispute that arose between one of those young gentleman and the physician, about the cold and hot methods of prescription in the gout and rheumatism; and proceeded to such a degree of mutual reviling, that Pickle, ashamed and incensed at his fellow-traveller's want of urbanity, espoused the other's cause, and openly rebuked him for his unmannerly petulance, which (he faid) rendered him unfit for the purpoles, and unworthy of the benefit of lociety. This unexpected declaration overwhelmed the doctor with amazement and confusion; he was instantaneoully deprived of his speech, and during the remaining part of the partie, fat in filent mortification. In all probability he deliberated with himself, whe-ther or not he should exposulate with the young gentleman on the freedom he had taken with his character in a company of strangers; but as he knew he had not a Pallet to deal with, he very prudently suppressed that suggestion, and in secret chewed the cud of resentment.

After they had visited the physick garden, the university, the anatomical hall, and every other thing that was recommended to their view, they returned to Rotterdam, and held a consultation upon the method of transporting themselves to England. The doctor, whose grudge against Peregrine was rather inflamed than allayed by our hero's indifference and neglect, had tampered with the simplicity of the painter, who was proud of his advances towards a perfect reconciliation; and now took the opportunity of parting with our adventurer, by declaring that he and his friend Mr. Pallet were resolved to take their passage in a trading sloop, after he had heard Peregrine object against that tedious, disagreeable, and uncertain me-

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CHAP. XXXII.

PEREGRINE DELIVERS HIS LETTERS
OF RECOMMENDATION AT LOGDON, AND RETURNS TO THE
GARRISON, TO THE UNSPEAKABLE JOY OF THE COMMODORE
AND HIS WHOLE FAMILY.

OW that our hero found himfelf on English ground, his heart dilated with the proud recollection of his own improvement fince he left his native foil. He began to recognize the interesting ideas of his tender years; he en-joyed, by anticipation, the pleasure of feeing his friends in the garrison, after an absence of eighteen months; and the image of his charming Emily, which other less worthy considerations had de-pressed, resumed the full possession of his breaft. He remembered, with fhame, that he had neglected the correspondence with her brother, which he himself had folicited, and in confequence of which he had received a letter from that young gentleman while he lived at Paris. In spite of these conscientious reflections, he was too felf-sufficient to think he should find any difficulty in obtaining forgivenels for such fins of omission; and began to imagine, that his passion would be prejudicial to the dignity of his fituation, if it could not be gratified upon terms which formerly his imagination durst not conceive.

Sorry I am, that the task I have undertaken, lays me under the necessity of divulging this degeneracy in the semiments of our imperious youth, who was now in the heyday of his blood, slushed with the consciousness of his own qualifications, vain of his fortune, and elated on the wings of imaginary expectation. Though he was deeply enamoured of Mils Gauntlet, he was far from propoing her heart as the ultimate aim of his gallantry, which (he did not doubt) would triumph over the most illustrious females of the land, and at once regale

his appetite and ambition.

Meanwhile, being willing to make his appearance at the garrison equally sur-prizing and agreeable, he cautioned Mr. Jolter against writing to the commodore, who had not heard of them fince their eparture from Paris, and hired a postchaife and horfes for London. The governor going out to give orders about the carriage, inadvertently left a paper book open upon the table; and his pupil casting his eyes upon the page, chanced to read these words. 'Sept. 15. Arrived in safety, by the blefling of God, in this unhappy kingdom of England. And thus concludes the journal of my last peregrination. Peregrine's curiofity being inflamed by this extraordinary conclusion, he turned to the beginning, and perused several sheets of a diary, fuch as is commonly kept by that class of people known by the denomination of travelling governors, for the fatisfaction of themselves and the parents or guardians of their pupils, and for the edification and entertainment of their friends.

That the reader may have a clear idea of Mr. Jolter's performance, we shall transcribe the transactions of one day, as he had recorded them; and that abstract will be a sufficient specimen of the whole plan and execution of the work

whole plan and execution of the work. 'May 3. At eight o'clock fet out from · Boulogne in a post-chaise: the morning hazy and cold. Fortified my fto-· mach with a cordial. Recommended ditto to Mr. P. as an antidote against the fog. Mem. He refused it. · hither horse greased in the off-pastern of the hind-leg. Arrive at Samers. Mem. This latt was a post and a half, i. e, three leagues, or nine English miles. The day clears up. champaign country, well flored with corn. The postilion says his prayers in paffing by a wooden crucifix upon the road. Mem. The horses staled in a small brook that runs in a bottom betwixt two hills. Arrive at Cormont. A common poft. A difpute with my pupil, who is obstinate, and swayed by an unlucky prejudice. · Proceed to Montreuil, where we dine on choice pigeons. A very moderate charge. No chamber-pet in the room, This is an ordinary post. Set out again for Nampont. Troubled with statulencies and indigestion. Mr. P. is stullen, and seems to mistake an eructation for the breaking of wind backwards. From Nampont depart for Bernay, at which place we arrive in the evening, and propose to stay all night. N. B. The two last are double posts, and our cattle very willing, though not strong. Sup on a delicate ragout and excellent partridges, in company with Mr. H. and his spouse. Mem. the said H. trod upon my corn by mistake. Discharge the bill, which is not very reasonable. Dispute with Mr. P. about giving money to the servant: he insists upon my giving a twenty-four sol piece; which is too much by two thirds, in all conscience. N. B. She was a pert baggage, and did not deserve a liard.

Our here was so much disobliged with certain circumstances of this amusing and instructing journal, that, by way of punishing the author, he interlined these words betwixt two paragraphs, in a manner that exactly resembled the tutor's hand-writing; "Mem. "Had the pleasure of drinking myself into a sweet intoxication, by toasting our lawful king, and his royal family,

among some worthy English fathers of the society of Jesus.

Having taken this revenge, he fet out for London, where he waited upon those noblemen to whom he had letters of recommendation from Paris; and was not only graciously received, but even loaded with careffes and proffers of service; because they understood he was a young gentleman of fortune, who, far from standing in need of their countenance or affiftance, would make an useful and creditable addition to the number of their adherents. He had the honour of dining at their tables, in consequence of pressing invitations, and of spending several evenings with the ladies, to whom he was particularly agreeable, on ac-count of his person, address, and bleeding freely at play.

Being thus initiated in the beau monde, he thought it was high time to pay his respects to his generous benefactor the commodore; and accordingly departed one morning, with his train, for the garrison, at which he arrived in safety the same night. When he entered the

ate, which was opened by a new ferbant that did not know him, he found his old friend Hatchway stalking in the yard, with a night-cap on his head, and a pipe in his mouth; and advancing to him, took him by the hand before he had any intimation of his approach. The lieutenant, thus faluted by a stranger, stared at him in filent aftonishment, till he recollected his features, which were no fooner known, than dafning the pipe upon the pavement, he exclaimed, ' Smite my crofstrees I th'ait welcome to port!' and hugged him in his arms with great affection. He then, by a cordial squeeze, expressed his fatisfaction at feeing his old thip-mate Tom, who applying his whiftle to his mouth, the whole caftle echoed with his performance.

The fervants hearing the well-known found, poured out in a tumult of joy; and understanding that their young mafter was returned, raifed fuch a peal of acclamation, as aftonished the commodore and his lady, and inspired Julia with fuch an interesting prefage, her heart began to throb with violence. Running out in the hurry and perturbation of her liope, the was to much overwhelmed at fight of her brother, that the actually fainted in his arms. But from this trance the foon awaked; and Peregrine having testified his pleasure and affection, went up stairs, and prefented himself before his godfather and aunt. Mrs. Trunnion rose and received him with a gracious embrace, bleffing God for his happy return from a land of impiety and vice, in which the hoped his morals had not been corrupted, not his principles of religion altered or impaired. The old gentleman being confined to his chair, was fruck dumb with pleasure at his appearance; and having made divers ineffectual efforts to get up, at length difcharged a volley of curies against his own limbs, and held out his hand to his godson, who kissed it with great respect.

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After he had finished his apostrophe to the gout, which was the daily and hourly subject of his executions, 'Well, 'my lad,' faid he, 'I care not how soon 'I go to bottom, now I behold thee fafe in harbour again: and yet, I tell 'a damn'd lye; I would I could keep 'afloat, until I should see a lusty boy of the begetting. Odds my timbers!

I love thee fo well, that I believe thou ' artthespawn of my own body; though I can give no account of thy being put upon the flocks." Then turning his eye upon Pipes; who by this time had penetrated into his apartment, and addressed him with the usual failutation of, "What cheer?"- Ahey!' cried he, are you there, you herring-faced fon of a fea-calf. What a flippery trick you played your old commander! But come, you dog, there's my fift; I for give you, for the love you bear to my godfon. Go man your tackle, and hoift a cafk of ftrong beer into the yard, knock out the bung, and put a pump in it, for the use of all my fervants and neighbours and, d'ye hear! let the patereroes be fired, and the garrifon illuminated, as rejoicings for the fafe arrival of your master. By the Lord ! if I had the use of these damn'd thambling thanks, I would dance a hornpipe with the best of you.

The next object of his attention was Mr. Jolter, who was honoured with particular marks of diffinction, and the repeated promife of enjoying the living in his gift, as an acknowledgment of the care and differential with which he had superintended the education and morals of our hero. The governor was so affected by the generosity of his patron, that the tears ran down his cheeks, while he expressed his gratitude, and the infinite satisfaction he felt, in contemplating the accomplishments of his purious

Meanwhile, Pipes did not neglect the orders he had received; the beer was produced, the gates were thrown open for the admission of all comers, the whole house was lighted up, and the patereroes were discharged in repeated vollies. Such phenomena could not fail to attract the notice of the neighbourhoods The club at Tunley's were altonished at the report of the guns, which pro-duced various conjectures among the members of that fagacious fociety. The landlord observed, that in all likelihood the commodore was vifited by hobgoblins, and ordered the guns to be fired in token of diffress, as he had acted twenty years before, when he was an-noyed by the same grievance. The exciteman, with a waggish incer, expressed his apprehension of Trunnion's death, in consequence of which, the patereroe might be discharged with an equivocal intent, either as fignals of his lady's forrow or rejoicing. The attorney fignified a fuspicion of Hatchway's being married to Miss Pickle, and that the firings and illuminations were in honour of the nuptials: upon which Gamaliel discovered some faint signs of emotion, and taking the pipe from his mouth, gave it as his opinion, that his sister was brought to bed.

While they were thus bewildered in the maze of their own imaginations, a company of countrymen, who fat drinking in the kitchen, and whose legs were more ready than their invention, sallied out to know the meaning of these exhibitions. Understanding that there was a butt of strong beer abroach in the yard, to which they were invited by the ferwants, saved themselves the trouble and expence of returning to spend the evening at the publick-house, and listed themselves under the banner of Tom Pipes, who presided as director of this festival.

The news of Peregrine's return being communicated to the parish, the parson, and three or four neighbouring gentlemen, who were well-wishers to our hero, immediately repaired to the garrison, in order to pay their compliments on this happy event, and were detained to supper. An elegant entertainment was prepared by the direction of Miss Julia, who was an excellent housewise; and the commodore was so invigorated with joy, that he seemed to have renewed his age.

Among those who honoured the occasion with his presence was Mr. Clover, the young gentleman that made his addresses to Peregrine's sister. His heart was so big with his passion, that while the rest of the company were ingrossed by their cups, he seized an opportunity of our hero's being detached from the conversation, and in the impatience of his love, conjured him to consent to his happiness; protesting, that he would comply with any terms of settlement that a man of his fortune could embrace, in favour of a young lady who was absolute mistress of his affection.

Our youth thanked him very politely for his favourable fentiments and honourable intention towards his fifter, and told him, that at prefent he saw no reason to obstruct his desire; that he would consult Julia's own inclinations, and

confer with him about the means of gratifying his wish : but in the mean time begged to be excused from discussing any point of fuch importance to them both. Reminding him of the jovial purpose on which they were happily met, he promoted fuch a quick circulation of the bottle, that their mirth grew noify and obstreperous; they broke forth into repeated peals of laughter, without any previous incitement, except that of claret. These explosions were fucceeded by bacchanalian fongs, in which the old gentleman himself attempted to bear a share; the sedate governor snap-ped time with his singers, and the parish priest assisted in the chorus with a most expressive nakedness of countenance. Before midnight, they were almost all pinned to their chairs, as if they had been fixed by the power of inchantment; and what rendered the con-finement still more unfortunate, every servant in the house was in the same fituation; fo that they were fain to take their repose as they fat, and nodded at each other like a congregation of anabaptiffs.

Next day, Peregrine communed with his fifter on the subject of her match with Mr. Clover, who (she told him) had offered to settle a jointure of four hundred pounds, and take her to wife, without any expectation of a dowry. She, moreover, gave him to under-ftand, that in his absence she had received feveral messages from her mother, commanding her to return to her father's house; but that she had refused to obey these orders, by the advice and injunction of her aunt and the commodore, which were indeed feconded by her own inclination; because she had all the reason in the world to believe, that her mother only wanted an opportunity of treating her with feverity and rancour. The refentment of that lady had been carried to fuch indecent lengths, that feeing her daughter at church one day, she rose up, before the parson en-tered, and reviled her with great bitterness, in the face of the whole congregation.

CHAP. XXXIII.

SEES HIS SISTER HAPPILY MAR-RIED. VISITS EMILIA, WHO RE-CEIVES DESERTS.

ER brother being of opinion, that Mr. Clover's proposal was not to be neglected, especially as Julia's heart was engaged in his favour, communicated the affair to his uncle, who, with the approbation of Mrs. Trunnion, declared himself well satisfied with the young man's addresses, and defired that they might be buckled with all expedition, without the knowledge or concurrence of her parents, to whom (on account of their unnatural barbarity) the was not bound to pay the least regard. Though our adventurer entertained the fame fentiments of the matter, and the lover dreading some obfruction, earnestly begged the immediate condescension of his mistress, she could not be prevailed upon to take fuch a material step, without having first folieited the permission of her father, refolved, nevertheless, to comply with the dictates of her own heart, should his objections be frivolous or unjust.

Urged by this determination, her admirer waited upon Mr. Gamaliel at the publick-house, and with the appearance of great deference and respect, made him acquainted with his affection for his daughter, communicated the particulars of his fortune, with the terms of fettlement he was ready to make; and in conclusion told him, that he would marry her without a portion. This last offer seemed to have some weight with the father, who received it with civility, and promised in a day or two, to favour him with a final answer to his demand. He, accordingly, that fame evening confulted his wife; who being exasperated at the prospect of her daughter's independency, argued with the most virulent expostulation against the match, as an impudent scheme of her own planning, with a view of infulting her parents, towards whom she had already been guilty of the most vicious disobedience. In short, she used such remonftrances, as not only averted this weak husband's inclination from the proposal which he had relished before, but even infligated him to apply for a warrant to apprehend his daughter, on the suppofition that she was about to bestow herfelf in marriage without his privity or

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The justice of peace to whom this ap-

plication was made, though he could not refuse the order, yet, being no stranger to the malevolence of the mother, which, together with Gamaliel's fimplicity, was notorious in the county, he fent an intimation of what had happened to the garrison; upon which a couple of centinels were placed on the gate, and at the pressing solicitation of the lover, as well as the defire of the commodore, her brother and aunt, Julia was wedded without farther delay; the ceremony being performed by Mr. Jolter, because the parish-priest prudently declined any occasion of giving offence, and the curate was too much in the interest of their enemies to be employed in that office.

This domestick concern being settled to the satisfaction of our hero, he escorted her next day to the house of her husband, who immediately wrote a letter to her father, declaring his reasons for having thus superceded his authority; and Mrs. Pickle's mortification was unspeakable.

That the new-married couple might be guarded against all infult, our young gentleman and his friend Hatchway, with their adherents, lodged in Mr. Clover's house for some weeks; during which they visited their acquaintance in the neighbourhood, according to custom: When the tranquillity of their family was perfectly established, and the contract of marriage executed in the prefence of the old commodore and his lady, who gave her niece five hundred pounds to purchase jewels and cloaths, Mr. Peregrine could no longer restrain his impatience to fee his dear Emily; and told his uncle, that next day he proposed to ride across the country, in order to visit his friend Gauntlet, whom he had not heard of a long time.

The old gentleman, looking stedfastly in his face, 'Ah! damn your cun'ning!' faid he, 'I find the anchor
'holds fast: I did suppose as how you
'would have slipt your cable, and
'changed your birth; but, I see, when
'a young fellow is once brought up by
'a pretty wench, he may man his capstans and viol block, if he wool; but
he'll as soon heave up the Pike of
'Teneriste, as bring his anchor aweight
'Odds heartlikins! had I known the
'young woman was Ned Gauntlet's
'daughter, I shouldn't have thrown
out signal for leaving off chace,'

Our adventurer was not a little furprized to hear the commodore talk in this flyle; and immediately conjectured, that his friend Godfrey, had informed him of the whole affair. Instead of littening to this approbation of his stame, with those transports of joy which he would have felt, had he retained his former sentiments, he was chaggined at Trunnion's declaration, and offended at the presumption of the young soldier, in presuming to disclose the secret with which he had intrusted him. Reddening with these reflections, he assured the commodore, that he never had serious thoughts of matrimony: so that if any person had told him he was under any engagement of that kind, he had abused his ear; for he protested, that he would never contract such attachment, without his, knowledge and express permission.

Trunnion commended him for his prudent resolution, and observed, that though no person mentioned to him what promises had passed betwixt him and his sweetheart, it was very plain that he had made love to her; and therefore, it was to be inpposed, that his intentions were knownable: for he could not believe he was fuch a rogue in his heart, as to endeavour to debauch the daughter of a brave officer, who had ferved his country with credit and reputation. Notwithstanding this remonstrance, which Pickle imputed to the commodore's ignorance of the world, he let out for the habitation of Mrs. Gauntlet, with the unjustifiable featuments of a man of pleafure, who facrifices every confideration to the defire of his ruling appetite; and as Winchester lay in his way, resolved to vilit some of his friends who lived in that place. It was in the house of one of these, that he was informed of Emila's being then in town with her mother; upon which he excused himself from staying to drink tea, and immediately repaired to their lodgings, according to the directions he had received.

When he arrived at the door, instead of undergoing that perturbation of spirits, which a lover in his interesting situation might be supposed to feel, he suffered no emotion but that of vanity and pride, favoured with an opportunity of self-gratification, and entered his Emilia's apartment with the air of a

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conceited petit maitre, rather than that of the respectful admirer, when he visits the object of his passion after an absence of seventeen months.

The young lady having been very much disobliged at his mortifying neglect of her brother's letter, had summoned all her own pride and resolution to her aid; and by means of a happy disposition, so far overcame her chagrin at his indifference, that she was able to behave in his presence with apparent tranquillity and ease. She was even pleased to find, that he had by accident chosen a time for his visit, when she was surrounded by two or three young gentlemen, who professed themselves her admirers. Our gallant was no sooner announced, than she collected all her coquetry, put on the gayest air she could assume, and contrived to giggle just as he appeared at the room door. The compliments of salutation being performed, she welcomed him to England in a careless manner; asked the news of Paris; and, before he could make any reply, desired one of the other gentlemen to proceed with the sequel of that comical adventure, in the relation of which he had been interrupted.

Peregrine smiled within himself at this behaviour, which (without all doubt) he believed she had affected to punish him for his unkind silence while he was abroad; being fully perfuaded that her heart was absolutely at his devotion. On this supposition, he practised his Parisian improvements on the art of conversation, and uttered a thousand prettinesses in the way of compliment, with such incredible rotation of tongue, that his rivals were struck dumb with aftonishment; and Emilia fretted out of all temper, at feeing herself deprived of the prerogative of the fex. He perfifted, however, in this furprizing loquacity, until the rest of the company thought proper to withdraw, and then contracted his discourse into the focus of love, which now put on a very different appearance from that which it had formerly worn. Instead of that awful veneration which her presence used to inspire, that chastity of sentiment and delicacy of expression, he now gazed upon her with the eyes of a libertine, he glowed with the impatience of defire, talked in a strain that harely kept within the bounds of decency, and attempted to de will profit at sarsy to said fuatch

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Grieved and offended as she was, at this palpable alteration in his carriage, the distained to remisd him of his for-

the discained to remind him of his former deportment, and with dissembled good-humour, rallied him on the progress he had made in gallantry and address: but far from submitting to the liberties he would have taken, she kept her person sacred from his touch, and would not even suffer him to ravish a kiss of her fair hand: so that he reaped no other advantage from the exercise of his talents, during this interview, which lasted a whole hour, than that of knowing he had over-rated his own importance, and that Emily's heart was not a garrison likely to surrender at discretion.

At length his addresses were interrupted by the arrival of the mother, who had gone abroad to visit by herself; and the conversation becoming more general, he understood that Godfrey was at London, soliciting for a lieutenancy that had fallen vacant in the regiment to which he belonged; and that Miss Sophy was at home with her father.

Though our adventurer had not met with all the fuccess he expected in his first visit, he did not despair of reducing the fortress, believing that in time there would be a mutiny in his favour; and accordingly carried on the fiege for several days, without profiting by his perfeverance: till at length, having attended the ladies to their own house in the country, he began to look upon this adventure as time mispent, and resolved to discontinue his attack, in hopes of meeting with a more favourable occasion; being, in the mean time, ambitious of displaying, in an higher sphere, those qualifications which his vanity told him were at present misapplied.

CHAP. XXXIV.

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HE ATTENDS HIS UNCLE WITH GREAT AFFECTION, DURING A FIT OF ILLNESS. SETS OUT AGAIN FOR LONDON. MEETS WITH HIS FRIEND GODFREY, 1940 IS PREVAILED UPON TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO BATH; ON THE ROAD TO WHICH PLACE THEY CHANCE TO DINE WITH A PERSON, WHO ENTERTAINS

HIM WITH A CURIOUS ACCOUNT OF A CERTAIN COMPANY OF AD-VENTURERS.

THUS determined, he took leave of Emilia and her mother, on pretence of going to London upon fome ourgent buliness, and returned to the garrison, leaving the good old lady very much concerned, and the daughter incensed at his behaviour, which was the more unexpected, because Godfrey had told them that the commodore approved of his nephew's passion.

Our adventurer found his uncle so ille of the gout, which, for the first time, had taken possession of his stomach, that his life was in imminent danger, and the whole family in disorder: he therefore took the reins of government in his own hands, sent for all the physicians in the neighbourhood, and attended him in person with the most affectionate care, during the whole sit, which lasted a fortinght, and then retired before the strength of his constitution.

When the old gentleman recovered his health, he was fo penetrated with Peregrine's behaviour, that he actually would have made over to him his whole fortune, and depended upon him for his own subfiltence, had not our youth opposed the execution of the deed with all his influence and might, and even perfuaded him to make a will, in which his friend Hatchway, and all his other adherents, were liberally remembered. and his aunt provided for on her own terms. This material point being fettled, he, with his uncle's permission, departed for London, after having feen the family affairs established under the direction and administration of Mr. Jolter and the lieutenant: for, by this time, Mrs. T; unnion was wholly occupied with her spiritual concerns.

On his first arrival at London, he sent a card to the lodgings of Gauntlet, in consequence of a direction from his mother; and that young gentleman waited on him next morning, though not with that alacrity of countenance and warmth of friendship, which might have been expected from the intimacy of their former connection. Nor was Peregrine himself actuated by the same unreserved affection for the soldier, which he had formerly entertained, Grodfrey, over and above the offence he had taken at Pickle's omission in point of corre-

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fronding with him, had been informed, by a letter from his mother, of the youth's cavalier behaviour to Emilia, during his last residence at Winchester; and our young gentlemen (as we have already observed) was disgusted at the supposed discovery which the soldier had made, in his absence, to the commodere. They perceived their mutual umbrage at meeting, and received each other with that civility of reserve, which commonly happens between two persons, when their friendship is in the wane.

Gauntlet at once divined the cause of the other's displeasure; and in order to vindicate his own character, after the first compliments were passed, took the opportunity of enquiring after the health of the commodore, to tell Peregrine, that while he tarried at the garrison, in his return from Dover, the subject of the conversation, one night, happening to turn on our hero's passion, the old gentleman had expressed his concern about that affair; and, among other observahis love was fome paltry huffy, whom he had picked up when he was a boy at Upon which, Mr. Hatchway affured him, that she was a young woman of as good a family as any in the county; and after having prepoficifed him in her favour, ventured (out of the zeal of his friendship) to tell who she was: wherefore the discovery was not to be imputed to any other cause; and he hoped Mr. Pickle would acquit him of all share in the transaction.

Peregrine was very well pleased to be thus undeceived; his countenance immediately cleared up; the formality of his behaviour relaxed into his usual familiarity; he asked pardon for his unmannerly neglect of Godfrey's letter, which, he protested, was not owing to any difregard, or abatement of friendship, but to a hurry of youthful engagements, in consequence of which he had procrastinated his answer from time to time, until he was ready to return in

person.

The young foldier was contented with this apology; and as Pickle's intention with respect to his sister was still dubious and undeclared, he did not think it was incumbent upon him, as yet, to express any resentment on that score; but was wise enough to foresee, that the renewal of his intimacy with our young gentle-

man, might be the means of reviving that flame which had been diffipated by a variety of new ideas. With these sentiments he laid afide all referve, and their communication immediately refumed it's former channel. Peregrine made him acquainted with all the adventures in which he had been engaged fince their parting : and he, with the same confidence, related the remarkable incidents of his own fate; among other things, giving him to understand, that upon obtaining a commission in the army, the father of his dear Sophy, without once enquiring about the occasion of his promotion, had not only favoured him with his countenance in a much greater degree than heretofore, but also contributed his interest, and even promised the affistance of his purse, in procuring for him a lieutenancy, which he was then foliciting with all his power; whereas, if he had not been enabled, by a most accidental piece of good fortune, to lift himself into the sphere of an officer, he had all the reason in the world to believe that this gentleman, and all the rest of his wealthy relations, would have fuffered him to languish in obscurity and diftrefs; and, by turning his misfortune into reproach, made it a plea for their own want of generofity and friendship.

Peregrine understanding the situation of his friend's affairs, would have accommodated him upon the instant with a sum to accelerate the passage of his commission through the offices; but, being too well acquainted with his scrupulous disposition to manifest his benevolence in that manner, he found means to introduce himself to one of the gentlemen of the war-office, who was so well satisfied with the arguments he used in behalf of his friend, that Godfrey's business was transacted in a very sew days, though he himself knew nothing of his interest being thus reinforced.

By this time, the feason at Bath was begun; and our hero, panting with the defire of distinguishing himself at that resort of the fashionable world, communicated his design of going thither to his friend Godfrey, whom he importuned to accompany him in the excursion: and leave of absence from his regiment being obtained, by the influence of Peregrine's new quality-friends, the two companions departed from London in a post-chaise, attended, as usual, by the valet

de chambre and Pipes, who were become almost as necessary to our adventurer as any two of his own organs.

At the inn, when they alighted for dinner, Godfrey perceived a perforwalking by himself in the yard, with a very pensive air; and upon observing him more narrowly, recognized him to be a professed gamester, whom he had formerly known at Tunbridge. On the strength of this acquaintance, he accossed the peripatetick, who knew him immediately; and in the fullness of his grief and vexation, told him, that he was now on his return from Bath, where he had been stripped by a company of sharpers, who resented that he should presume to trade

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Peregrine, who was extremely curious in his enquiries, imagining that he might learn some useful and entertaining anec-dotes from this artist, invited him to dinner, and was accordingly fully informed of all the political systems at the Bath. He understood, that there was at London one great company of adventurers, who employed agents in all the different branches of impolition throughout the whole kingdom of England, allowing these ministers a certain proportion of the profits accruing from their industry and skill, and referving the greatest share for the benefit of the common stock, which was chargeable with the expence of fitting out individuals in their various purfuits, as well as with the loss sustained in the course of their adventures. Some, whose perions and qualifications are by the company judged adequate to the talk, exert their talents in making love to ladies of fortune, being accommodated with money and accoutrements for that purpose, after having given their bonds, payable to one or other of the directors, on the day of marriage, for certain fums, proportioned to the dowries they are to receive. Others, versed in the doctrine of chances, and certain secret expedients, frequent all those places where games of hazard are allowed; and fuch as are masters in the arts of billiards, tennis, and bow's, are continually ly-ing in wait, in all the scenes of these diversions, for the ignorant and unwary. A fourth class attend horse-races, being ik lled in those mysterious practices, by which the knowing ones are taken Nor is this community unfurnished with those was lay wanton wives and

old rich widows under contribution, and extort money, by profittuting themselves to the embraces of their own fex, and then threatening their admirers with profecution. But their most important returns are made by that body of their undertakers who exercise their understandings in the innumerable stratagems of the card-table, at which no sharper can be too infamous to be received, and even careffed, by persons of the highest rank and distinction. Among other articles of intelligence, our young gentleman learned, that those agents, by whom their guest was broke and expelled from Bath, had constituted a bank against all sporters, and monopolized the advantage in all forts of play. He then told Gauntlet, that if he would put himfelf under his direction, he would return with them, and lay fuch a scheme as would infallibly ruin the whole fociety at billiards, as he knew that Godfrey excelled them all in his knowledge of that

The foldier excused himself from engaging in any party of that kind; and after dinner the travellers parted; but, as the conversation between the two friends turned upon the information they had received, Peregrine projected a plan for punishing those villainous petts of society, who prey upon their fellow-creatures; and it was put in execution

by Gauntlet in this manner.

CHAP. XXXV.

GODFREY EXECUTES A SCHEME AT BATH, BY WHICH A WHOLE COMPANY OF SHARPERS IS RUINED.

N the evening after their arrival at Bath, Godfrey, who had kept himself up all day for that purpose, went in boots to the billiard-table; and two gentlemen being at play, began to ber with fo little appearance of judgment, that one of the adventurers then prefent was inflamed with the defire of profiting by his inexperience; and when the table was vacant, invited him to take a game for amusement. The soldier, assuming the air of a felf-conceited dupe, answered, that he did not chufe to throw away his time for nothing, but, if he pleased, would piddle for a crown a game. This declaration was very agreeable to the

other, who wanted to be farther confirmed in the opinion he had conceived of the stranger, before he would play for any thing of consequence. The partie being accepted, Gauntlet put off his coat, and beginning with feeming eagernels, won the first game, because his antagonist kept up his play water. view of encouraging him to wager a greater fum. The foldier purposely bit at the hook, the flakes were doubled, and he was again victorious, by the per-mission of his competitor. He now began to yawn; and observing, that it was not worth his while to proceed in fuch a childish manner, the other swore, all an affected paffion, that he would play with him for twenty guineas. The pro-pofal being embraced, (through the connivance of Godfrey) the money was won by the sharper, who exerted his dexterity to the utmost, fearing that otherwife his adversary would decline continuing the game.

Godfrey thus conquered, pretended to lose his temper, curied his own ill luck, fwore that the table had a cast, and that the balls did not run true, changed his mast, and with great warmth challenged his enemy to double the fum. The gamester, with feigned reluctance, comlied with his defire; and having got the first two hazards, offered to lay one hundred guineas to fifty on the game. The odds were taken; and Godfrey having allowed himfelf to be overcome, began to rage with great violence, broke the mast to pieces, threw the balls out at the window, and, in the fury of his indignation, defied his antagonist to meet him to-morrow, when he should be refreshed from the fatigue of travelling. This was a very welcome invitation to the gamester, who imagining that the foldier would turn out a most beneficial prize, affured him, that he would not fail to be there next forenoon, in order to give him his revenge.

Gauntlet went home to his lodgings, fully certified of his own fuperiority; and took his measures with Peregrine, touching the prosecution of their scheme; while his opponent made a report of his success to the brethren of the gang, who resolved to be present at the decision of the match, with the view of taking advantage of the stranger's passionate diffraction.

Affairs being thus concerted on both fides, the players met, according to ap-

pointment, and the room was immediate filled with spectators, who either came thither by accident, curiofity, or de-fign. The match was fixed for one hundred pounds a game; the principals chose their instruments, and faid afide their coats, and one of the knights of the order proffered to lay another hun-dred on the head of his affociate. Godfrey took him upon the inftant. A fehim fo eager, challenged him to treble the fum; and his propofal met with the fame reception, to the aftonishment of the company, whose expectation was raised to a very interesting pitch. The game was begun, and the soldier having loft the first hazard, the odds were offered by the confederacy with great vociferation: but nobody would run fuch a risk, in favour of a person who was utterly unknown. The sharper having gained the fecond also, the noise increased to a surprizing clamour, not only of the gang, but likewise of almost all the spectators, who desired to lay two to one against the brother of Emil-

Peregrine, who was prefent, perceiving the cupidity of the affociation futhciently inflamed, all of a fudden opened his mouth, and answered their betts to the amount of twelve-hundred pounds; which were immediately deposited on both fides, in money and notes: fo that this was, perhaps, the most important game that ever was played at billiards. Gauntlet feeing the agreement fettled, ffruck his antagonist's ball into the pocket in a twinkling, though it was in one of those fituations which are supposed to be against the striker. The betters were a little discomposed at this event, for which, however, they confoled themselves, by imputing the success to accident; but when at the very next stroke he sprung it over the table, their countenances underwent an instantaneous distraction of feature, and they waited, in the most dreadful suspense, for the next hazard, which being likewife taken with infinite ease by the foldier, the blood forfook their cheeks, and the interjection Zounds ! pronounced with a look of consternation, and in a tone of despair, proceeded from every mouth at the same instant of time. They were overwhelmed with horror and aftonishment, at seeing three hazards taken in as many strokes, from a person of their friend's dexterity; and fhrewdly Inspected, that the whole was a scheme pre-concerted for their destruction; on this supposition, they changed the note, and attempted to hedge for their own indemnification, by proposing to lay the odds in favour of Gauntlet; but so much was the opinion of the company altered by that young gentleman's fuccess, that nobody would venture to espouse the cause of his competitor, who chancing to improve his game by the addition of another lucky hit, diminished the concern, and revived the hopes of his adherents. But this gleam of fortune did not long continué: Godfrey collected his whole art and capacity, and augmenting his score to number ten, indulged himself with a view of the whole fraternity. The vifages of these professors had adopted different shades of complexion at every hazard he had taken; from their natural colour they had shifted into a sallow hue; from thence into pale; from pale into yellow, which degenerated into a mahogany tint; and now they faw feventeen hundred pounds of their stock depending upon a fingle stroke, they stood like fo many fwarthy Moors, jaundiced with terror and vexation. The fire which naturally glowed in the cheeks and nofe of the player, seemed utterly extinct, and his carbuncles exhibited a livid appearance, as if a gangrene had already made some progress in his face; his hand began to shake, and his whole frame was feized with fuch trepidation, that he was fain to fwallow a bumper of brandy, in order to re-establish the trauquillity of his nerves. This expedient, however, did not produce the defired effect; for he aimed the ball at the lead with fuch discomposure, that it struck on the wrong fide, and came off at an angle which directed it full in the middle hole. This fatal accident was attended with an universal groan, as if the whole universe had gone to wreck; and notwithstanding that tranquillity, for which adventurers are fo remarkable, this loss made fuch an impression upon them all, that each in particular manifested his chagrin, by the most violent emotions. One turned up his eyes to Heaven, and bit his nether lip; another gnawed his fingers, while he stalked ac rois the room; a third blasphemed with horrid imprecations; and he who played the party fneaked off, grinding

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his teeth together, with a look that baffles all description, and as he croffed the threshold, exclaiming, "A damned bite, by G—d1"

The victors, after having infulted them, by asking if they were disposed for another chance, carried off their winning with the appearance of great composure, though in their hearts they were transported with unspeakable joy; not so much on account of the bodty they had gained, as in consideration of having so effectually destroyed such a nest of pernicious miscreants.

Peregrine believing, that now he had found an opportunity of serving his friend, without giving offence to the delicacy of his honour, told him upon their arrival at their lodgings, that fortune had at length enabled him to become in a manner independant, or at least make himself easy in his circumstances, by purchasing a company with the money he had won. So saying, he put his share of the success in Gauntlet's hand, as a sum that of right belonged to him, and promised to write in his behalf to a nobleman, who had interest enough to promote such a quick rise in the service.

Godfrey thanked him for his obliging intention, but absolutely refused, with great loftiness of demeanour, to appropriate to his own use any part of the money which Pickle had gained, and feemed affronted at the other's entertaining a fentiment fo unworthy of his character. He would not even accept, in the way of loan, fuch an addition to his own stock, as would amount to the price of a company of foot; but expressed great confidence in the future exertion of that talent which had been bleffed with fuch a prosperous beginning. Our hero find-ing him thus obstinately deaf to the voice of his own interest, resolved to govern himself in his next endeavours of friendship, by his experience of this ticklish punctilio; and, in the mean time, gave a handsome benefaction to the hospital, out of these first-fruits of the success in play, and referved two hundred pounds for a fet of diamond ear-rings and folitaire, which he intended for a present to Miss Emily.

CHAP. XXXVI.

THE TWO FRIENDS ECLIPSE ALL
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LANTRY, AND PRACTISE A PLEASANT PROJECT OF REYENGE UPON THE PHYSICIANS OF THE PLACE.

THE fame of their exploits against the sharpers was immediately diffused through all companies at the Bath; so that when our adventurers appeared in publick, they were pointed our by an hundred extended singers, and considered as consummate artists in all the different species of sinesse, which they would not fail to practise with the first opportunity. Nor was this opinion of their characters any obstacle to their reception into the fashionable parties in the place; but, on the contrary, such a recommendation, which (as I have already hinted) never fails to operate for the advantage of the

poffeffor. This first adventure, therefore, served em as an introduction to the company at Bath, who were not a little furprized to find their expectations baffled by the conduct of the two companions; because, far from engaging deeply at play, they rather shunned all occasions of gaming, and directed their attention to gallantry, in which our hero shone un-rivalled. His external qualifications, exclusive of any other ment, were strong enough to captivate the common run of the female fex; and thefe, reinforced with a fprightlines of conversation, and a most infinuating address, became irrelistible, even by those who were fortified with pride, caution, or indifference. But among all the nymphs of this gay place, he did not meet with one object that disputed the empire of his heart with Emilia, and therefore he divided his attachment according to the fuggeftions of vanity and whim; so that, before he had refided a fortnight at the Bath, he had fet all the ladies by the ears, and furnished all the bundred tongues of scandal with full employ-ment. The splendor of his appearance excited the enquiries of envy; which, inflead of discovering any circumstance to his prejudice, was curfed with the information of his being a young gentleman of a good family, and heir to an immense fortune.

The countenance of some of his quality-friends, who arrived at Bath, confirmed this piece of intelligence: upon which his acquaintance was courted and cultivated with great assigning; and he met with such advances from some of the fair lex, as rendered him extremely fortunate in his amours. Nor was his friend Godfrey a strapger to savours of the same kind; his accomplishments were exactly calculated for the meridian of semale taste; and with certain individuals of that sex, his muscular frame, and the robust connection of his limbs, were more attractive than the delicate proportions of his companion. He accordingly reigned paramount among those inamoratas who were turned of thirty, without being under the necessity of proceeding by tedious addresses and was thought to have co-operated with the waters, in removing the sterility of certain ladies, who had long undergone the reproach and disgust of their husbands: while Peregrine set up his throne among those who laboured under the disease of celibacy, from the pertamis of fifteen, who, with a fluttering heart, tosses her head, bridles up, and giggles involuntarily at the sight of an handsome young man, to the staid maiden of twenty-eight, who with a demure aspect moralizes on the vanity of beauty, the folly of youth, and simplicity of woman, and expatiates on friendship, benevolence, and good sepse, in the style of a Platonick philosopher.

In such a diversity of dispositions, his conquests were attended with all the heart-burnings, animosities, and turmoils of jealousy and spite. The younger class took all opportunities of mortifying their seniors in publick, by treating them with that indignity which (contrary to the general privilege of age) is by the consent and connivance of mankind, levelled against those who have the missortune to come under the denomination of old maids; and these last retorted their hossilities in the private machinations of slander, supported by experience and subtility of invention. Not one day passed, in which some new story did not circulate, to the prejudice of one or other of those rivals.

If our hero, in the long-room, chanced to quit one of the moralifts, with whom he had been engaged in conversation, he was immediately accosted by a number of the opposite faction; who, with ironical smiles, upbraided him with cruelty to the poor lady he had left; exhorted him to have compassion on her sufferings; and turning their eyes towards the object of their intercession, broke forth

into an universal peal of laughter. On the other hand, when Peregrine, in con-lequence of having danced with one of the minors over-night, visited her in the morning, the Platonists immediately laid hold on the occasion, tasked their ima-ginations, associated ideas, and with sage infinuations retailed a thousand cir-cumstances of the interview, which never had any foundation in truth. They observed, that if girls are determined to behave with fuch indifferetion, they must lay their accounts with incurring must say their accounts with theuring the centure of the world; that she in question was old enough to act more circumspectly; and wondered that her mother would permit any young fellow to approach the chamber, while her daughter was naked in bed. As for the fervants peeping through the key-hole, to be fure it was an unlucky accident; but people ought to be upon their guard against such curiofity, and give their do-mesticks no cause to employ their penetration. Thefe, and other such reflections, were occasionally whispered as fecrets among those who were known to be communicative; so that, in a few hours, it became the general topick of discourse; and as it had been divulged under injunctions of fecrefy, it was almost impossible to trace the scandal to it's origin; because every person con-cerned must have promulgated her own breach of truft, in discovering her author of the report.

Peregrine, instead of allaying, rather exasperated this contention, by an artful distribution of his attention among the competitors; well knowing, that should his regard be converged into one point, he would soon forfeit the pleasure he enjoyed in seeing them at variance; for both parties would join against the common enemy, and his savourate would be perfecuted by the whole coalition. He perceived, that among the secret agents of scandal, none were so busy as the physicians; a class of animals who live in this place, like so many ravens hovering about a carcase, and even ply for employment, like scullers at Hungerford Stars. The greatest part of them have correspondents in London, who make it their business to enquire into the history, character, and distemper, of every one that repairs to Bath for the benefit of the waters; and if they cannot procure interest to recommend their medical friends to these patients before

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they let out, they at least furnish them with a previous account of what they could collect, that their correspondents may use this intelligence for their own advantage. By these means, and the assistance of flattery and assurance, they often infinuate themselves into the acquaintance of strangers, and by consulting their dispositions, become necessary and subservient to their prevailing passions. By their connection with apothecaries and nurses, they are informed of all the private occurrences in each family; and therefore enabled to gratify the rancour of malice, amuse the speem of peevish indisposition, and entertain the eagerness of impertinent curiosity.

In the course of these occupations, which frequently affected the reputation of our two adventurers, this whole body fell under the displeasure of our hero; who, after divers confultations with his friend, concerted a stratagem, which was practifed upon the faculty in this manner. Among those who frequented the pump-room, was an old officer, whole temper, naturally impatient, was, by repeated attacks of the gout, which had almost deprived him of the use of his limbs, sublimated into a remarkable degree of virulence and perversenels: he imputed the inveteracy of his distemper to the mal-practice of a surgeon who had administered to him, while he laboured under the consequences of an unfortunate amour; and this supposimountable antipathy to all the profesfors of the medical art, which was more and more confirmed by the information of a friend at London, who had told him, that it was a common practice among the physicians at Bath, to distuade their patients from drinking the water, that the cure, and of consequence their attendance, might be longer protracted.

Thus prepossessed, he had come to Bath, and, conformable to a few general instructions he had received, used the waters without any farther direction, taking all occasions of manifesting his hatred and contempt of the sons of Æsculapius, both by speech and gesticulations, and even by pursuing a regimen quite contrary to that which he knew they prescribed to others who seemed to be exactly in his condition. But he did not find his account in this method, how successful soever it may have been in other cases. His com-

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plaints, instead of vanishing, were every day more and more enraged; and, at length, he was confined to his bed, where he lay blaspheming from morn to night, and from night to morn; though ftill more determined than ever to adhere

to his former maxims.

" In the midst of his torture, which was become the common joke of the town, being circulated through the in-dustry of the physicians, who triumphed in his difaster, Peregrine, by means of Mr. Pipes, employed a country fellow, who had come to market, to run with great hafte, early one morning, to the lodgings of all the doctors in town, and defire them to attend the colonel with all imaginable dispatch. In consequence of this fummons, the whole faculty put themselves in motion: and three of the foremost arriving at the same instant of time, far from complimenting one another with the door, each separately es-fayed to enter, and the whole triumvi-rate stuck in the passage. While they remained thus wedged together, they descried two of their brethren posting towards the fame goal, with all the speed that God had enabled them to exert; upon which they came to a parley, and agreed to fland by one another. This covenant being made, they difentangled themselves, and enquiring about the patient, were told by the servant, that he had just fallen assep.

Having received this intelligence, they

took possession of his anti-chamber, and thut the door, while the rest of the tribe posted themselves on the outside, as they arrived; fo that the whole passage was filled, from the top of the stair case to the street-door; and the people of the house, together with the colonel's fervant, thruck dumb with aftonishment. The three leaders of this learned gang had no fooner made their lodgment good, then they began to confult about the patient's maiady, which every one of them pretended to have confidered with great care and affiduity. who gave his opinion faid, the distemper was an obstinate arthritis; the second affirmed, that it was no other than a confirmed pox; and the third fwore it was an inveterate scurvy. This diverfity of opinions was supported by a variety of quotations from medical authors, ancient as well as modern; but these were not of sufficient authority, or at least not explicit enough to decide the

dispute; for there are many schisms in medicine, as well as in religion, and each fest can quote the fathers in support of the tenets they profess. In short, the contention rose to such a pitch of cla-mour, as not only alarmed the brethren on the stair, but also awaked the patient from the first nap he had enjoyed in the space of ten whole days. Had it been sim-ply waking, he would have been obliged to them for the noise that disturbed him; for, in that case he would have been re-lieved from the tortures of hell fire, to which in his dream he fancied himself exposed: but this dreadful vision had been the result of that impression which was made upon his brain, by the into-lerable anguish of his joints; so that when he waked, the pain, instead of being allayed, was rather aggravated by a great acuteness of sensation; and the confused vociferation in the next room, invading his ears at the fame time, he began to think his dream was realized; and, in the pangs of despair, applied himself to a bell that stood by his bedfide, which he rung with great violence

and perfeverance.

This alarm put an immediate stop to the disputation of the three doctors, who, upon this notice of his being awake, rushed into his chamber without ceremony; and two of them feizing his arms, the third made the like applicapatient could recollect himself from the amazement which had laid hold on him, at this unexpected irruption, the room was filled by the reft of the faculty, who followed the servant that entered, in obedience to his master's call; and the bed was, in a moment, surrounded by these gaunt ministers of death. The colonel feeing himfelf befet with fuch an affemblage of folemn visages and figures, which he had always confidered with the utmost detestation and abhorrence, was incenfed to a most inexpressible degree of indignation; and so inspirited by his rage, that though his tongue denied it's office, his other limbs performed their function; he disengaged himself from the triumvirate, who had taken possesfion of his body, fprung out of bed with incredible agility, and feiring one of his crutches, applied it fo effectually to one of the three, just as he stooped to examine the patient's water, that his tie-periwig dropped into the pot, while he himself fell motionless on the floorThis fignificant explanation discon- took care to own it in such an ambigucerted the whole fraternity; every man turned his face, as it were by instinct, towards the door; and the retreat of the community being obstructed by the efforts of individuals, confusion and tumultuous uproar ensued: for the colonel, far from limiting his prowels to the first exploit, handled his weapon with astonishing vigour and dexterity, without respect of persons; so that few or none of them had escaped without marks of his displeasure, when his spirits failed, and he funk down again, quite exhausted, on his bed. Favoured by this respite, the discomfitted faculty col-lected their hats and wigs, which had fallen off in the fray; and perceiving the affailant too much enfeebled to renew the attack, fet up their throats together, and loudly threatened to profecute him feverely for fuch an outrageous

By this time the landlord had interposed; and enquiring into the cause of the disturbance, was informed of what had happened by the complainants, who at the same time giving him to under-fland, that they had been severally summoned to attend the colonel that morning, he affured them, that they had been imposed upon by some wag, for his lodger had never dreamed of confulting

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Thunderstruck at this declaration, the general clamour inftantaneoutly ceased; and each, in particular, at once com-prehending the nature of the joke, they fneaked filently off with the loss they had fustained, in unutterable shame and mortification; while Peregrine and his friend, who took care to be passing that way by accident, made a full stop at fight of fuch an extraordinary efflux, and enjoyed the countenance and condition of every one as he appeared: nay, even made up to some of those who seemed most affected with their fituation, and mischievously tormented them with questions touching this unufual congregation; then, in consequence of the in-formation they received from the landlord and the colonel's valet, subjected the fufferers to the ridicule of all the company in town. As it would have been impossible for the authors of this farce to keep themselves concealed from the indefatigable enquiries of the phyficians, they made no secret of their having directed the whole; though they

ous manner, as afforded no handle of profecution.

C H A P. XXXVII.

PEREGRINE HUMBLES A NOTED HECTOR, AND MEETS WITH A STRANGE CHARACTER AT THE HOUSE OF A CERTAIN LADY.

MONG those who never failed to A reside at Bath, during the season, was a certain person, who, from the most abject misery, had by his industry and art at play, amassed about fifteen thousand pounds; and though his character was notorious, infinuated himfelf so far into the favour of what is called the best company, that very few private parties of pleasure took place, in which he was not principally concerned. was of a gigantick stature, a most intrepid countenance; and his disposition, naturally overbearing shad in the course of his adventures and fuccess, acquired a most intolerable degree of insolence and vanity. By the ferocity of his features, and audacity of his behaviour, he had obtained a reputation for the most undaunted courage, which had been confirmed by divers adventures, in which he had humbled the most affuming heroes of his own fraternity: fo that he now reigned chief Hector of the place, with unquestioned authority.

With this fon of Fortune was Peregrine one evening engaged at play, and to successful, that he could not help informing his friend of his good luck. Godfrey hearing the description of the loser, immediately recognized the perfon, whom he had known at Tunbridge; and affuring Pickle, that he was a sharper of the first water, cautioned him against any farther connection with fuch a dangerous companion; who (he affirmed) had fuffered him to win a small sum, that he might be encouraged to lose a much greater

upon some other occasion.

Our young gentleman treasured up this advice; and though he did not fcruple to give the gamester an opportunity of retrieving his lofs, when he next day demanded his revenge, he absolutely a fused to proceed, after he had refunded his winning. The other, who considered him as a hot-headed unthinking youth, endeavoured to enfiame his pride to a continuance of the game, by treating his skill with scorn and contempt; and, among other farcaftick expressions, advised him to go to school again, before he pretended to engage with matters of the art. Our hero, incensed at his arragance, replied with great warmth, that he knew himfelf fufficiently qualifed for playing with men of honour, who deal upon the fquare, and hoped he should always deem it infamous, either to learn or practife the tricks of a professed gamester. Blood and thunder ! meaning me, Sir !' cried this ertift, raising his voice, and curling his ge into a most intimidating frown. 2 Zounds! I'll cut the throat of any foundrel who has the prefumption to fuppole, that I don't play as honourably as e'er a nobleman in the kingdom: and I infift upon an explanation from you, Sir; or, by hell and brimthone! I hall expect other fort of fatisfaction. Peregrine (whose blood y this time boiled within him) answerd without helitation : 'Far from titink ing your demand unreasonable, I will inmediately explain myself without reserve, and tell you, that, upon un-questionable authority, I believe you to be an impudent rafcal, and common cheat.'

The Hector was fo amazed and confounded at the freedom of this declaration, which he thought no man on earth would venture to make in his prefence, that for forme minutes he could not re collect himself; but at length, whifpered a challenge in the ear of our hero, which was accordingly accepted. When they arrived next morning upon the weld, the gametter arming his counternance with all his terrors, advanced with a fword of a monstrous length, and putting himself in a posture, called aloud in a most terrifick voice, 'Draw, damn ye! draw; I will this instant fend you to your fathers.' The youth defire; his weapon was unsheathed in a moment, and he began the attack with fuch unexpected spirit and address, that his adverfary, having made thift with great difficulty to parry the first pass, retreated a few paces, and demanded a purey; in which he endeavoured to per-flueds the young man, that to lay a man the young man, that to lay a man of his character under the necessity of chaltizing his infolence, was the most

rath and inconfiderate flep that he could possibly have taken; but that he had compassion upon his youth, and was willing to spare him, if he would furrentier his sword, and promise to ask pardon in publick for the offence he had given. Pickle was so much exasperated at this unparalleled effrontery, that without deigning to make the least reply, he slung his own hat in the propoler's sace, and renewed the charge with such undaunted agility, that the gamester, singling himself in manifest hazard of his life, betook himself to his heels, and fled homewards with inteddible speed, being closely pursued by Peregrine, who having sheathed his sword, pelted him with stones as he ran, and compelled him to go, that same day, into banishment from Bath, where he had domineered to long.

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By this archievement, which was the fubject of aftonishment to all the comas a person of heroick courage, our adventurer's reputation was rendered formidable in all it's circumstances; afthough he thereby diffibliged a good many people of failtion, who had con-tracted an intimacy of friendfulp with the exile, and who refented his dilgrace, as if it had been the misfortune of a worthy man. These generous patrons, however, bore a very finall proportion to those who were pleased with the event of the duel; because, in the course of their residence at Bath, they had either been infulted or defrauded by the challenger. Nor was this inftance of our hero's courage unacceptable to the ladies, few of whom could now relift the united force of fuch accomplishments. Indeed, neither he nor his friend Godfrey would have found much difficulty in picking up an agreeable companion for life: but Gauntlet's heart was preengaged to Sophy; and Pickle, exclufive of his attachment to Emily, which was fronger than he himself imagined, possessed fuch a share of ambition, as could not be fatisfied with the conquest of any female he beheld at Bath.

His vifits were, therefore, promifcuous, without any other view than that of amufement; and though his pride was flattered by the advances of the fair whom he had captivated, he never harboured one thought of proceeding beyond the limits of common gallantry, and carefully avoided all particular ex-

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plenations. But what, above all other enjoyments, yielded him the most agreeable entertainment, was the secret history of characters, which he learned from a very extraordinary person, with whom he became acquainted in this manner.

Being at the house of a certain lady,

on a viliting day, he was ftruck with the appearance of an old man, who no fooner entered the room than the miftrefs of the house very kindly defired one of the wits present to roast the old put. This petit-maitre, proud of the employment, went up to the fenior, who had fomething extremely peculiar and fignificant in his countenance, and faluting him with divers fashionable conges, accosted him in these words : "Your fervant, you old rafeal. I hope to have the honour of feeing you hanged. I vow to Gad! you look extremely shocking, with these gummy eyes, lanthorn jaws, and toothless chaps. What! you fquint at the ladies, you old rotten medlar? yes, we understand your ogling; but ' you must content yourself with a cookmaid, fink me! I fee you want to fit. 'These withered shanks of your's tremble under their burden: but you must have a little patience, old Hirco; indeed you must. I intend to mortify you a little longer, curse me !

The company was fo tickled with this address, which was delivered with much grimace and gesticulation, that they burst out into a loud fit of laughter, which they fathered upon a monkey that was chained in the room; and when the peal was over, the wit renewed his attack, in these words. I fuppole you are fool enough to think this mirth was occasioned by Pug; aye, there he is; you had belt furvey him; he is of your own family, fwitch me ! but the laugh was at your expence; and you ought to thank Heaven for making you fo ridiculous. While he uttered thefe ingenious ejaculations, the old gentleman bowed alternately to him and the monkey, that feemed to grin and chatter in unitation of the beau, and with an arch folemnity of visage, pronounced, Gentlemen, as I have not the honour to understand your compliments, they will be much better bestowed on each other.' So faying, he feated himfelf, and had the fatisfaction to fee the laugh returned upon the aggressor, who re-

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mained confounded and abalhed, and in a few minutes left the room, muttering, as he retired, 'The old fellow 'grows (currilous, flap my breath!'

while Peregrine wondered in filence at this extraordinary fcene, the lady of the house perceiving his surprize, gave him to understand, that the ancient visitant was utterly bereft of the sonse of hearing: that his name was Cadwallader Crabtree; his disposition altogether mifanthropical; and that he was admitted into company on account of the entertainment he afforded by his farcaftick observations, and the pleasant mistakes to which he was subject from his infirmity. Nor did our hero wait a long time for an illustration of this odd character. Every sentence he spoke was replete with gall; nor did his fatire confift in general reflections, but in a feries of remarks, which had been made through the medium of a most whimfical peculiarity of opinion.

Among those who were present at this affembly was a young officer, who having by dint of interest obtained a seat in the lower house, thought it incumbent upon him to talk of affairs of flate: and accordingly regaled the company with an account of a fecret expeditionwhich the French were busied in preparing; affuring them, that he had it from the mouth of the minister, to whom it had been transmitted by one of his agents abroad. In descanting upon the particulars of the armament, he observed, that they had twenty ships of the line, ready manned and victualled at Breft, which were destined for Toulon, where they would be joined by as many more; and from thence proceed to the execution of their scheme, which he imparted as a secret not fit to be divulged.

This piece of intelligence being communicated to all the company except Mr. Crabtree, who fuffered by his lofs of hearing, that cynick was foon after accosted by a lady, who, by means of an artificial alphabet, formed by a certain conjunction and disposition of the fingers, asked if he had heard any extraordinary news of late. Cadwallad with his usual complaifance, replied that he supposed the took him for a courier or ipy, by teizing him eternally with that question. He then expatiated upon the foolish curiosity of mankind, which, he faid, must either proceed from idleness or want of ideas; and repeated, almost

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verbatim, the officer's information; a vague ridiculous report invented by fome morant coxcomb, who wanted to give himself airs of importance, and believed only by those who were utterly unacquainted with the politicks and strength

of the French nation.

In confirmation of what he had advanced, he endeavoured to demonstrate how impossible it must be for that people to fit out even the third part of fuch a navy, fo foon after the loffes they had fustained during the war; and confirmed his proof by afferting, that, to his certain knowledge, the harbours of Brest and Toulon could not at that time produce a squadron of eight ships of the line.

The member, who was an utter ftranger to this misanthrope, hearing his own affeverations treated with fuch contempt, glowed with confusion and refentment, and raising his voice, began to defend his own veracity with great eagerness and trepidation, mingling with his arguments many bluftering invectives against the insolence and ill-manners of his supposed contradictor, who sat with the most mortifying composure of countenance, till the officer's patience was quite exhausted; and then, to the ma-nifest increase of his vexation, he was informed, that his antagonist was so deaf, that, in all probability, the last trumpet would make no impression upon him, without a previous renovation of his organs.

C H A P. XXXVIII.

HE CULTIVATES AN ACQUAINT-ANCE WITH THE MISANTHROPE, WHO PAVOURS HIM WITH A SHORT SKETCH OF HIS OWN HIS-TORY.

DEREGRINE was extremely well pleased with this occasional rebuke, which occurred fo feafonably, that he could scarce believe it accidental. He looked upon Cadwallader as the greateft curiofity he had ever known, and cultivated the old man's acquaintance with such infinuating address, that in less than a fortnight he obtained his confidence. As they one day walked into the fields together, the man-hater difclosed himself in these words. 'Though · the term of our communication has been but short, you must have perceived, that I treat you with uncommon marks of regard; which, I affure you, is not owing to your per-fonal accomplishments, nor the pains you take to oblige me; for the first I overlook, and the last I see through: but there is something in your diff fition which indicates a rooted contempt for the world; and I understand you have made some successful efforts in exposing one part of it to the ridia cule of the other. It is upon this affurance that I offer you my advice and affiftance, in profecuting other fchemes of the fame nature; and to convince you that fuch an alliance is onot to be rejected, I will now give you a fhort sketch of my history, which will be published after my death in fortyfeven volumes of my own compiling. I was born about forty miles from this place, of parents, who having a very old family-name to support, bestowed their whole fortune on my elder brother; so that I inherited of my father little else than a large share of choler, to which I am indebted for a great many adventures that did not always end to my fatisfaction. At the age of eighteen I was fent up to town, with a recommendation to a certain peer, who found means to amuse me with the promise of a commission for seven whole years; and 'tis odds but I should have made my fortune by my perseverance, had not I been arrrefted, and thrown into the Marshalfea by my landlord, on whose credit I had subsisted three years, after my father had renounced me as an idle vagabond. There I remained fix months, among those prisoners who have no other support than chance charity; and contracted a very valuable acquaintance, which was of great service to me in the future emergencies of my life.

I was no fooner discharged, in consequence of an act of parliament for the relief of insolvent debtors, than I went to the house of my creditor, whom I cudgelled without mercy; and that I might leave nothing undone of those things which I ought to have done, my next stage was to Westminster Hall, where I waited until my patron came forth from the house, and saluted him with a blow that laid him fenfeless on the pavement: but my retreat was not so for tunate as I could have wished;

wished; the chairmen and lacquies in waiting having furrounded and difarmed me in a trice, I was committed to Newgate, and loaded with chains; and a very fagacious gentleman, who was afterwards hanged, having fat in judgment upon my case, pronounced me guilty of a capital crime, and foretold my condemnation at the Old Bai-ley. His prognostick, however, was disappointed; for nobody appearing to profecute me at the next fessions, I was discharged by order of the court. It would be impossible for me to recount, in the compass of one day's converfation, all the particular exploits in which I bore a confiderable fhare. Suffice it to fay, I have been, at different times, prisoner in all the gaols within the bills of mortality. I have broke from every round-house on this No bailiff, in the fide Temple-bar. days of my youth and desperation, durst execute a writ upon me without a dozen followers; and the justices themselves trembled when I was

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' I was once maimed by a carman, with whom I quarrelled, because he ridiculed my leek on St. David's day; my skull was fractured by a butcher's cleaver, on the like occasion. I have been run through the body five times, and loft the tip of my left-ear by a pistol-bullet. In a rencounter of this kind, having left my antagonist for dead, I was wife enough to make my retreat into France; and a few days after my arrival at Paris, entered into conversation with some officers on the subject of politicks; a dispute arose, in which I loft my temper, and spoke so irreverently of the Grand Monarque, that next morning I was fent to the Bastile, by virtue of a Lettre de Ca-chet. There I remained for some months, deprived of all intercourse with rational creatures; a circumstance for which I was not forry, as I had the more time to project schemes of revenge against the tyrant who confined me, and the wretch who had betrayed my private conversation : but tired, at length, with these fruitless fuggestions, I was fain to unbend the feverity of my thoughts by a correspondence with some industrious spiders, who nau their ingenious labours.

attention, that I foon became an adept in the mystery of weaving, and furnished myself with as many useful obfervations and reflections on that art, as will compose a very curious Treatife, which I intend to bequeath to the Royal Society, for the benefit of our woollen manufacture; and this with a view to perpetuate my own name, rather than befriend my country; for, thank Heaven! I am weaned from all attachments of that kind, and look upon myself as one very little obliged to any fociety whatfoever. Although I prefided with absolute power over this long-legged community, and diftributed rewards and punishments to each, according to his deferts, I grew impatient of my fituation; and my natural disposition, one day, prevail-ing like a fire which had long been smothered, I wreaked the fury of my indignation upon my innocent subjects, and in a twinkling destroyed the whole race. While I was employed in this general massacre, the turnkey, who brought me food, opened the door, and perceiving my transport, shrugged up his shoulders, and leaving my allowance, went out pronouncing, "Le pauvre diable! la tete lui tourne." My passion no sooner subfided, than I refolved to profit by this opinion of the gaoler, and from that day counterfeited lunacy with fuch fuccess, that in less than three months I was delivered from the Bastile, and fent to the gallies, in which they thought my bodily vigour might be of service, although the faculties of my mind were decayed. Before I was chained to the oar, I received three hundred stripes by way of welcome, that I might thereby be rendered more tractable, notwithstanding I used all the arguments in my power to perfuade them, I was only mad north, north-weft; and when the wind was foutberly, knew a bawk from an band fare.

'In our second cruize we had the good fortune to be overtaken by a tempelt, during which the flaves were unbound, that they might contribute the more to the prefervation of the galley, and have a chance for their lives, in case of shipwreck. We were no sooner at · liberty, than making ourfelves mafters of the vessel, we robbed the officers, and ran her on thore among rocks on the coast of Portugal; from whence

Dd " I haftI hastened to Lisbon, with a view of obtaining my passage in some ship bound for England, where, by this

time, I hoped my affair was forgotten.
But before this scheme could be accomplished, my evil genius led me into company; and being intoxicated, I

company; and being intoxicated, I began to broach doctrines on the subject of religion, at which some of the partie were scandalized and incensed; and I was next day dragged out of bed by the officers of the inquisition, and conveyed to a cell in the prison

belonging to that tribunal.

At my first examination my refentment was ftrong enough to support me under the torture, which I endured without flinching; but my resolution abated, and my zeal immediately cooled, when I understood from a fellow prisoner, who grouned on the other fide of the partition, that in a short time there would be an Auto da Fe; in confequence of which I should, in all probability, be doomed to the flames, if I would not renounce my heretical errors, and submit to such penance as the church should think fit to prescribe. This miferable wretch was convicted of Judaism, which he had privately practised, by connivance, for many years, until he had amassed a fortune fufficient to attract the regard of the To this he fell a facrifice, and accordingly prepared himself for the stake; while I, not at all ambitious of the crown of martyrdom, refolved to temporize: so that when I was brought to the question the second time, I made a folemn recantation. As I had no worldly fortune to obftruct my falvation, I was received into the bosom of the church, and, by way of penance, enjoined to walk barefoot to Rome, in the habit of a pilgrim.

I could procure credentials from the inquifition at Lifbon; and behaved with fuch a refolution and referve, that, after being released, I was deemed a proper person to be employed in quality of a secret intelligencer at a certain court. This office I undertook without hestation; and being furnished with money, and bills of credit, crossed the Pyrenees, with intention to revenge myself upon the Spaniards,

During my peregrination through Spain, I was detained as a fpy, until

for the feverities I had undergone

during my captivity. ' Having therefore effectually dif-guised myself by a change of dress, and a large patch on one eye, I hired an equipage, and appeared at Bologna in quality of an itinerant physician; in which capacity I fucceeded tolerably well, till my fervants decamped in the night with my baggage, and left me in the condition of Adam. In short, I have travelled over the greatest part of Europe, as a beggar, pilgrim, prieft, foldier, gamester, and quack; and feit the extremes of indigence and opulence, with the inclemency of weather, in all it's viciffitudes. I have learned that the characters of mankind are every where the fame; that common fense and honesty bear an infinitely fmall proportion to folly and vice; and that life is at best a paltry province.

After having fuffered innumerable hardships, dangers, and disgraces, I returned to London, where I lived fome years in a garret, and picked up a subsistence, such as it was, by vending purges in the streets, from the back of a pied horse; in which situation, I used to harangue the mob in broken English, under pretence of being an High-German doctor.

At last an uncle died, by whom I inherit an estate of three hundred pounds per annum; though, in his life-time, he would not have parted with a fix-pence, to save my soul and

body from perdition.

' I now appear in the world, not as a member of any community, or what is called a focial creature; but merely as a spectator, who entertains himself with the grimaces of a jack-pudding, and banquets his spleen in beholding his enemies at loggerheads. That I may enjoy this disposition, abstracted from all interruption, danger, and participation, I feign myself deaf; an expedient by which I not only avoid all disputes, and their consequences, but also become master of a thousand little secrets, which are every day whifpered in my presence, without any suspicion of their being overheard. You faw how I handled that fhallow politician at my Lady Plau-fible's the other day. The fame method I practise upon the crazed Tory, the bigot Whig, the four supercilious pedant, the petulant critick, the blustering coward, the fawning tool, the pert pimp, sly sharper, and every other species of knaves and fools with which this kingdom abounds.

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very ithverthat laumeory, In consequence of my rank and character I obtain free admission to the ladies, among whom I have acquired the appellation of the Scandalous Chronicle. As I am considered (while silent) in no other light than that of a foot-stool or elbow-chair, they divest their conversation of all restraint before me, and gratify my sense of hearing with strange things, which (if I could prevail upon myself to give the world that satisfaction) would compose a curious piece of secret history, and exhibit a quite different idea of characters from what is commonly entertained.

By this time, young gentleman, you may perceive, that I have it in my

power to be a valuable correspondent;
and that it will be your interest to de-

· ferve my confidence.'

Here the misanthrope left of speaking, defirous to know the fentiments of our hero, who embraced the proffered alliance, in a transport of joy and furprize; and the treaty was no sooner concluded, than Mr. Crabtree began to perform articles, by imparting to him a thousand delicious secrets, from the possession of which he promised himself innumerable scenes of mirth and enjoyment. By means of this affociate, whom he confidered as the ring of Gyges, he forefaw that he should be enabled to penetrate not only into the chambers, but even to the inmost thoughts of the female fex. In order to ward off suspicion, they agreed to revile each other in publick, and meet at a certain private rendezvous, to communicate their mutual discoveries, and concert their future operations.

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TO LORD -

MY LORD,

THE turn which your lordship gave to the conversation of last night, having laid me under the necessity of vindicating the step I have lately taken in publishing Memoirs of my Life, I think I have a right to demand your opinion of the motives which I'then explained; and this I ask by way of appeal to your judgment from the fentiments of those who might perhaps think my inducements were weak or frivolous. For, though no person in the company attempted to invalidate the arguments I advanced, I could perceive that one gentleman was not altogether convinced of the rectitude of that measure: you may remember he dropped several diffenting hints, couched in the modest expresfions of, With submission to your ladyship's better judgment. - But, to be fure, you would not have taken fuch a flep without first weighing the confequences .- Your provocations were certainly very great, although the world is apt to put the worst constructions upon every thing.'-And other such prudential infinuations, that are often more disconcerting than the displayed objections of a declared antagonist; because they seem to import something of great weight, which personal respect endeavours to suppress. These sententious fragments made such impression upon my mind, that I have been all night long tasking my recollection, in order to discover the weak side of my defence; but, as one always sees through the mist of partiality in one's own concerns, I must have recourse to your discernment, and seriously insist upon knowing how far you approve the justification of,

My lord,

your lordship's

most obedient fervant,

ANSWER.

MADAM,

Cannot help observing, that the serious manner in which you ask my opinion of the motives which induced you to publish your Memoirs, is exactly of a piece with the conduct of those who consult their friends, for approbation rather than advice, and by a disappointment in their expectations of applause, are more than ever wedded to their own inventions. How would your ladyship look, should I now.

I now, in consequence of your demand, assume the air of a severe moralizer, and tell you, that the step you have taken, was altogether precipitate and inexcusable; that you have unnecessarily avowed your own indifcretion, incurred the refentment of individuals, and attracted the reproaches of a censorious world; and that, over and above these disadvantages, you have subjected yourself for ever to a life of domestick disquiet, by incensing the tyrant of whom you complain, beyond a possibility of forgiveness or reconciliation? Would not all the refentment of a disappointed author take possession of your ladythip; overcast that chearfulness of countenance with a sullen frown, and lighten from those fair eyes in gleams of displeasure? No, you would be more surprized than offended at my observations. You would believe you had been all along deceived in your opinion of my delicacy and understanding: you would be mortified at the discovery of your own mistake, and look upon me with compassion, as one of those tame, timid rationalists, who being naturally phlegmatick and fearful, are utter ftrangers to the refined fensations of the human heart, incapable of doing justice to those melting tendernesses which they never felt, and too irresolute to withstand the torrent of ignorant, malicious, or wrong-headed clamour, when it affects a character in which their friendship ought to be interested. Your sentiments, I own, would in that case be just, excepting that I should engage your ladyship's pity, in deserving your contempt, and instead of being despised as a cold friend, be still regarded by you, as a weak and timorous well-wisher. If your character suffered cruelly from misrepresentations; if your soibles were magnified and multiplied with all the aggravation of envy and fiction; if the qualities of your heart were decried or traduced, and even your understanding called in question; I agree with your ladyship, that it was not only excuseable, but highly necessary, to publish a detail of your conduct, which would acquit you of all or most of those scandalous imputations. This task you have (in my opinion) performed, to the fatisfaction of all the intelligent and unprejudiced part of mankind. He must be very deficient in candour and feeling, who, in reading your Memoirs, is not interested in your favour; who does not espouse the cause of beauty, innocence, and love; who does not fee that as you once were, you would ftill have continued to be the pattern of conjugal faith and felicity; had not the cross accidents of fortune forced you from the natural bias of your disposition: who does not excuse the tenderness, which youth and sensibility, so circumstanced, could not possibly resist; and who does not freely forgive the fault, when he considers the particulars of the temptation. He must be void of all taste and reslection, who does not admire your spirit, elegance, and fense; and dead to all the finer movements of the foul, if he is not agitated, thrilled, and transported, with the pathetick circumstances of your story. Some people, who are your ladyship's friends, and highly entertained with the performance, have wished you had fpared yourfelf some unnecessary confessions, which they thought could ferve no end, but that of affording a handle to your enemies for censure and defamation: I myself, I own, was of the same opinion, until you convinced me, that in suppressing one circumstance which might be afterwards discovered, your fincerity through the whole piece would have been called in question. And what have you avowed, that your most malicious foes dare blame, except your difregard

regard of an unnatural contract, which (though authorized by the laws of your country) was imposed upon your necessity, youth, and inexperience? Nor was this conduct the refult of vicious levity and intemperance: you had already given undeniable proofs of your constancy and conjugal virtue, to the first lord of your affections, who was the choice of your love, and to whom your heart was unalterably wedded. Your natural fenfibility had been, by his extraordinary care, tenderness, and attention, cherished and improved to such a degree of delicacy, as could not possibly relish the attachment of the common run of husbands. No wonder, then, that you was uneasy under a fecond engagement so much unlike the first; that every circumstance of the contrast appeared to you in the most aggravating light, and made a fuitable impression upon your imagination; and that you was not infensible to those attractions which had formerly captivated your heart, nor able to refift the flattering infinuations, incredible assiduity, and furprizing perseverance, of an artful lover. And sure he could not have chosen a more favourable opportunity to prefer his addresses: your pasfions were unusually intendered by grief; you was distatisfied with your domeRick fituation; you was folitary for want of that intimate connection in which you had been so happy before, and your breast glowed with the most pathetick susceptibility, while you was yet a stranger to the infidious wiles of man. In fuch diffress the mind longs for sympathy and confolation; it feeks to repose itself upon the tender friendship of some kind partner, that will share and alleviate it's forrows. Such a comforter appeared in the accomplished youth: your judgment was pleased with his qualifications; his demeanour acquired your esteem; your friendship was engaged by his fincerity; and your affection was infensibly subdued. In short, every thing conspired to promote his fuit, and my wonder is not that he succeeded, but that you held out fo long. Your fentiments with regard to those who have inveighed against your performance, are altogether conformable to that goodfense and benevolent disposition, which I have always admired and esteemed. As for writers who have exercised their pens in abusing your ladyship, they are either objects of mirth or compassion. They, poor harmless creatures, in their hearts, wish you no evil. Their bufiness is to eat, honestly if they can-but, at any rate, to eat. I am fully perfuaded, that for a very small sum you might engage the whole tribe to refute their own revilings, and bellow with all their might in your praise. It would really be uncharitable as well as absurd, to express the least resentment against such feeble antagonists, who are literally the beings of a fummer-day: they are the noify infects, which the fun of merit never fails to produce; the shadows that continually accompany fuccess; and, indeed, a man might as well fight with his own shadow, as attempt to chastise such unsubstantial phantoms. But of all the emotions of your heart, that which I am at present tempted chiefly to applaud, is the forrow you express for having been obliged, in your own justification, to vilify and expose the man to whom your fate is inseparably connected; and the laudable resolution you have taken to live amicably with him for the future, provided he shall perfift in that conduct, which he hath of late chosen to maintain. On the whole, though you may have inflamed the virulence of envy and malice, rouzed the refentment of some whose folly and ingratitude you had occasion to display, and incurred the censure of those who think it their duty to exclaim

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